

The Sideliner

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Under the Master's Hat

R. Victor Stewart, Worshipful Master

One of my most favorite parts of Freemasonry are the stories of encounters members of our lodge as we travel about the world.

In our newsletter, we devote a special space called (Tales of The Ring).

Most people identify other masons by the black onyx ring with the square and compasses emblazoned in the stone.

Many times I have been recognized as a brother in the craft and I have extended my hand in friendship to others, many of them from other grand lodge jurisdictions.

During this process, I have learned some of the subtle differences in customs from one grand lodge to another.

These encounters have always been friendly, brotherly and informative.

As a point of interest, I have not encounter any difference

between Prince Hall Masons and brothers outside our own traditions.

My most recent encounter was with a Prince Hall Shriner from Ossining who without notice or

comment picked up the check from our table at the Wolf Road Diner.

That is what I would call Brotherly Love.

When my wife, Shirley, questioned me about accepting such a gift, I replied, "At some point in the future,

I will have the opportunity to repay the friendship by extending friendship to another Mason.

That, my Brothers, is the spirit of Freemasonry.

Don't be shy about extending the friendship with a token that identifies you as member of the oldest fraternity on the face of the planet.

It is up to each of us to keep that tradition alive with current and future Masons.



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UNDER THE MASTER’S HAT (CONT’D)

Trestle Board for Communications

Wadsworth Lodge F&AM No. 417

September 10, 2014	Scheduled Meeting - <i>Welcome Back Brothers & Brother Bring a Friend Night</i>
September 24, 2014*	Qs&As from 3 rd Degree, Read Petitions for Initiation & Advancement
October 8, 2014 *	Years of Service Awards Night – <i>Open to Family & Friends</i>
October 22, 2014 *	1 st Degree – <i>Past Masters in charge</i>
November 12, 2014*	2 nd Degree
November 26, 2014	Lodge Dark for Holiday Observance
December 10, 2014	Holiday Gathering – “ <i>Toys for Children</i> ” Dinner
December 24, 2014	Lodge Dark for Holiday Observance
January 17, 2015 *	Saturday, Special Communication for Third Degree
January 28, 2015	Brother Bring A Friend Night & Brother Bring A Brother; Pool Tournament to Benefit Brotherhood Fund - \$5 to Brotherhood Fund & \$5 for Collation
February 11, 2015	Ladies Night & Masonic Talent Show
February 25, 2015	Education Night - “ <i>History of Freemasonry in the Capital District</i> ”
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>

(Practice Nights on Wednesdays before Degree at 7:00p.m.)

* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

Dues Reminder:

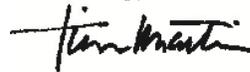
Dear Brothers:

Wadsworth **2015** Dues Cards have been mailed to all Brothers who have met their payment obligation. If you have not received your card, please let me know immediately since this is your only verification for current membership in your Lodge. Until you receive your new card, please remember your *old* 2014 membership card expired on December 31, 2014.

We appreciate your years of service to Wadsworth Lodge N^o 417 and we will continue to work very hard to make your lodge inclusive with open lodge programming, supportive of district events, and being

productive in membership growth and education. Your annual dues help Wadsworth remain an active and vital part of the Albany area. Thank you again.

Fraternally,



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Sickness and Distress:

Bro. Kenneth Brown sustained a concussion the result of an accident as an EMS responder in late February. He is back in Lodge and feeling better.

Bro. Latson Andrews (88 yrs old 63 Years MM) is reported in poor health by his wife Lorraine saying Latson is in rehab and not expected to come out soon.

Ruth Dyer gives an update on her dad's failing health. *"My 92 year old dad Luther Dyer, Jr. received an award for 60 years of membership last November. We have the certificate framed for him. He is very proud of being a MM and being associated with Wadsworth Lodge and having so many fraternity brothers"*.

Brothers Robert and Louis Emory lost their beloved grandmother on September, 11 from Alzheimers and breast cancer.

At this time when we begin to plan for the Surviving Spouse Luncheon, We have to report that we have loss two of our widows. June Coughlin passed away on March 10 and Elizabeth Tebbutt passed away on March 1st.

The Master's wife Shirley was admitted to St. Peter's with a case of inflammation of the fluid around the heart and pneumonia. This means that she has extreme difficulty breathing if she is not in an upright position, in other words she cannot lay down to sleep. She is now recovering at home

Nick Jacobia has undergone heart surgery in Boston.

Glad Tidings:

Right Worshipful Brother William E. Ogren has received word from his Doctor that his health is "steady" so there is no need for treatment at this time.

Bro. Bob Fickies is now permanent resident of Leesburg, Florida. He has applied for a Lodge Dimit and expressed: "... Believe me, the only reason for wanting to leave Wadsworth is financial. Every moment spent with my brothers in the lodge was a good one. Two years ago, you may recall, I joined Leesburg #58 as a dual member. I have also become a Shriner in Florida, and a member of "High Twelve", which they do not have in New York."

Bro. Sonjay Chopra presently living in Ohio sends fraternal greetings to his Wadsworth Brothers and

states, "I guess I am missing out on all the fun for tonight's meeting". His son Josh got admitted into Penn State University starting Fall 2015. He will be studying Nuclear Engineering.

Bro. Ray Gaul's son has been promoted to Senior Master Sargeant in the Air Force.

Bros. Paul Baum & Bob Joel's business is off the ground and flying quite nicely.

After his accident Bro. Kenneth Brown reports he is proud of his membership as a first responder and ask all of his Brothers to think of them and the excellent job they do to serve the greater community, region, state, and nation.

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Norman E. Whitaker

Became a Mason October 26, 1960

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on November 9, 1960

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 28, 1960

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High February 27, 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	04/06/15		

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	06/16/15

District Web Page

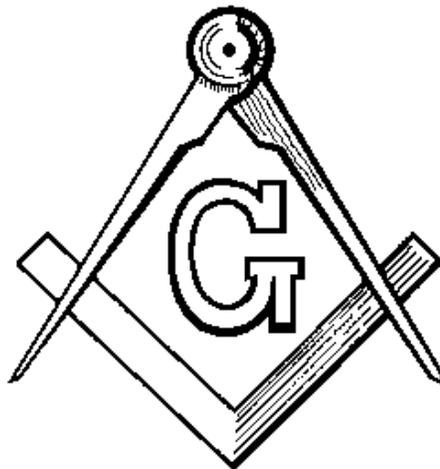
The new District Website is constructed and hopefully will find a domain this month

DD Visit

Eric's visit to Wadsworth was as usual well attended with Bethlehem taking home the Traveling Gavel with twelve Brothers. His topic for the evening was Legacy. He cited a couple of instances where the simplest of gestures had resulted in remarkable results. He was demonstrating that even some of the smallest things we may do that we do not even think about they are just what we do can have profound consequences. Often these results may not ever be known to us.

Masonic Safety Program

Keith has one event coming up in June. If anyone knows of events where there will be young people, college age or elderly gathered that might be a place for the Masonic Safety program let Keith know. Remember the program is not just Child ID, it can be used to register young people going away to college or for older people that might become afflicted with Alzheimer's and have a tendency to wander away.



Mount Vernon's Anniversary

On February 21 Mount Vernon Lodge #3 celebrated its 250th Anniversary as a lodge. The meeting was attended by M.: W.: William Thomas and many of the Grand Line. As part of the program the lodge performed a rededication ceremony. The meeting was followed by a reception and a Prime Rib dinner.

Upcoming Events

April 6th will be the DDGM visit to Mount Vernon which was postponed by a snow event this winter. In addition to the DDGM visit there will be the installation of the new Royal Matron of Capital City Court #15, Order of the Amareth. Social readjustment at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30 and program at 7:30.

April 12th District Bowling event, unlike past years this is not going to be a formal tournament. It is meant to be a Fun and Fellowship event open to family and friends. There will be eight lanes available

at Del Lanes Delmar from 1 to 3 PM. There will be Pizza, Wings and Soda.

April 25th will be Annual Ritual Renaissance Program. This year the event will be a the newly refurbished Rotterdam Masonic Hall.

The program starts with breakfast at 7:30 followed a study of the Hiram Legend portion of the Master Mason Degree.

May 9th is the Saturday before Mother's Day and the traditional day for the Surviving Spouses Luncheon. It will be at the usual venue the Italian American Community Center the menu is a choice of Filet of Sole with seafood stuffing, Steak Bistro or Chicken Parmigiana. The cost this year has risen to \$30.

May 11-15 is Masonic care Week at Chili's. Eat at Chili's that week and let them know you are

supporting the Masonic Care Community and a donation based on your bill will go to the MCC.

The date and location is to be determined but it is planned to put on a Masonic Development Course this summer. If any of new Brothers are interested let the Master or Joe Posefsky know so they may inform our Staff Officer.

Upcoming Wadsworth Events

During the first part of May Steve King will be appearing with the Schenectady Civic Players. They are located at 12 South Church Street in the Stockade area of Schenectady. The play is a comedy-drama called "Becky's New Car".

May 21 is the Sideline's Dinner at the Normanside Country Club. It is a chance to show our

appreciation to the outgoing Master for his year of service. See the details and the reservation slip at the end of the paper.

August 9 Once again Bruce Susser has reserved the Pavilion at Bethlehem Town Park for the Annual Wadsworth summer picnic. More details in the next Paper.

Tales of the Ring

This edition's tale is short and sweet, but fits in with the DDGM's message:

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



Poet's Corner:

A Spring Day

Another spring is coming as it has since time began.
The days are getting longer for it's part of nature's plan
The winter's cold is gone now, no snow piles can be found.
They've served a final purpose by watering the ground.

Our world has been renewed as it brightens up our day.
Winter snows are now forgotten, and the plows are put away.
The springtime is a happy time when life begins anew.
Like cleaning up from winter that we must prepare to do.

I feel the crispness in the air, walking through the field.
As I see the work of nature whose beauty is revealed.
The vista that surrounds me is an awesome sight indeed.
For that beauty with its grandeur is all I really need.

I gaze upon the meadowland around me on each side.
And walk upon the footpath from the road I stood beside.
Grass has started growing with restful shades of green.
Though every now and then, a yellow dandelion is seen.

Buttercups join crocuses, blooming all around.
They fill the field with beauty, splendor from the ground.
The field beside me beckons, it is blooming and alive.
I gaze upon the leafy stems where lilacs soon will thrive.

The springtime is a special time with colors all aglow.
Showing us the beauty that was dormant neath the snow.
Enjoy this special season that we've waited for so long.
For the birds will soon be chirping, and singing nature's song.

William E. Ogren
March 3, 2015



Annual Pool Tournament

The Annual Wadsworth Nine Ball Pool Tournament was held recently. A total of 15 brother and friends cued up with a contribution to the Brotherhood Fund to participate in a chance to knock off defending champ *Kymir Pearson*. The dreaded "Out of Here" award, given to the first one eliminated from the tourney as unceremoniously given to *Doug Kantrowitz*. A smirk and a request for another beer



was all he could muster as an acceptance speech. Our defending champ *Kymir*, soon followed as his reign lasted a short one year.

As in past tournaments, "*Junkyard*" *Jerry McCall*, was the most feared opponent. His cool calm calculating demeanor knocked off early



matching *Elijah's* cruise control. They met in an epic match of the undefeated with *Elijah* sending *Leo* to eat pierogis in the loser's bracket. There he met *Andy* in the ultimate

elimination contest to see who could fight back to meet *cruisin' Elijah*. Fueled with pierogi power, *Leo* prevailed setting up the rematch. The rematch game was tightly contested but you started to see the experience, the maturity, the gamesmanship comes through from the "*Warsaw Wonder*" as he gave *Elijah* his first ding. This set up the grand Knock Out finale where the battle hardened *Leo* in his third straight elimination game prevailed to become this year's champion with 6 wins and one loss.

Special recognition tap of the cue goes to "*Pennsylvania*" *Paul Baum* in his first tournament going 4-2. *Elijah* went 4-2 while proving it's tough to make it through the lower bracket, *Andy* went 5-2.

A contribution of \$75 was made to the Brotherhood Fund and another great time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted - the Wadsworth 9 Ball Committee



favorites sending them to the loser bracket. Once there, you ran into another tourney fav, *Andy "the Assassin" Groff*. Andy's past m.o. was to get into the loser's bracket and make hay there and he continued this year as he eliminated five on his way to the finals of the "desperate" bracket.

In the meantime, the winner's bracket was developing its own drama as visiting friend, *Elijah* was cruising. It looked as if Wadsworth was not going to have any one from it roles to stave off this visitor. Our Senior Warden from Warsaw, *Leo Synakowski* was





From left to right the runner up crusin' Elijah Brown, the dethroned champ Kymer Pearson, our organizer Ken White and this year's champ Leo "the Warsaw Wonder" Synakowski.

Masonic Jeopardy



On April 1st, after a nine year hiatus Masonic Jeopardy finally return to the Albany Temple

compliments of Bob Baker, the organizer and Eric Benson who urged him on. The event was held in the dining room and six lodges competed, Masters, Guttenburg, Wadsworth, Bethlehem, Van Rensselaer and Mt. Vernon.

Each lodge fielded a team of no less than five Brothers. The judges for the evening were Eric Benson and Bill Okesson. They determine which team gaveled in first and if anyone gaveled before the clue was finished.

Wadsworth was represented by Captain Kymer Pearson, Geoff Horderath, Ray Gaul and Joe Posefsky.



In Jeopardy the categories were: Masonic Alphabet Soup, Masonic Potpourri, First Degree, Second Degree, Third Degree and Q and A's. The last one was probably the most challenging. The clues were the answers in the litany from the three degrees. Since we learned the litany with question and then answer, being given the answer and then working out the question before somebody else did was fun.

Double Jeopardy had: Masonic Numbers, Masonic Abbreviations, Masonic Symbols, Table Lodge, Famous Masons and Grand Lodge. Needless to say Guttenburg cleaned up on the Table Lodge category with four of the six clues, which were common terms with the question having to be what there pseudonyms were in the

Table Lodge. Nobody remember "to cut was to hew".

Going into Final Jeopardy, with the category being U.S. Presidents, every team had something to wager from Mt. Vernon with 140 points to Masters with 4,900 and Wadsworth in the middle with 3000. The final outcome had Masters winning followed by Wadsworth and then Bethlehem. Van Rensselaer and Guttenburg bet everything and had the wrong answer.

Everyone agreed it was an enjoyable time and would like to see it repeated next year. It would seem that it would also be a good educational tool since many of the new brothers were not in attendance.

Ladies' Night

The weather outside was cold and snowy, dark and cold.

Inside the Masonic Temple, however, the atmosphere was warmer and free of strife for Ladies Night in Wadsworth Lodge.

Although the attendance was slim, the enthusiasm for the event was large and hopes for a repeat were openly encouraged.

The meal of chicken and ribs was hot and plentiful. No one went away hungry.

After dinner, attendees were honored by the remembrance of a storied member of the Grand Ole

Opry. Courtney Shane put on her show, "The Patsy Cline Experience."

For a solid hour Courtney Shane as Patsy Cline brought her audience back to the 1950s with stories and songs of the Winchester, VA native.

The music in the Ten Eyck Room moved a few to pick up their feet and danced to the tunes of their memories.

All we can hope for is better weather for the future.

Parting Shots:

Stanley J.Adams	March 16, 1982	Joseph K. Laux	March 19, 1975
Nicholas J. Casso	March 22, 1990	Robert D. Leitch Jr.	February 25, 1934
Frederick John Castiglione	February 27, 1947	Esteban Maccera	March 24, 1987
William H. Conroy Jr.	March 8, 1949	Jerome A. McCall	March 28, 1944
Mikey J. Dady	February 10, 1976	Clair J. Miller	February 29, 1928
R. Christofer Dempf	March 13, 1958	Mark B. Monroe	March 13, 1967
Ralph Edgell	March 2, 1921	William S. Panitch	February 6, 1954
Edwin W. Engelhardt	February 25, 1937	Eric Phoenix	March 25, 1962
Thomas P. Fuller	March 7, 1962	Donald W. Pitts	March 6, 1982
Fredrick L. Fuller	March 3, 1967	Kenneth H. Rouse	March 18, 1948
John G. Guile	March 22, 1930	Clayton E. Simons	March 14, 1936
Nicholas C. Jacobia	February 17, 1951	Willard Dale Thomas	March 4, 1939
Donald D. Kingston	March 6, 1943	James J. Van de Wal	March 29, 1949

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.

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



SIDELINERS DINNER

To Honor W. R. Victor Stewart, Master of the Lodge * 2014-2015

Thursday, May 21, 2015



The Normanside Country Club

150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY 12054, (518)439-4505 Ext.10

Caesar Salad & Rolls

Selected Entrées

Beef Bordelaise - thinly sliced beef with garlic, shallots, herbs and red wine reduction

Loin of Pork - oven roasted with a red wine, garlic and rosemary

Chicken Francaise - boneless breast lightly dipped in egg and pan roasted with lemon, garlic, white wine and butter

Dessert

New York Style Cheese Cake

Informal Reception at 6:00 P.M. (Cash Bar)

Dinner - 6:30 P. M.

Donation of \$35 per person

(\$65 per couple)

(Includes Gift, Tax, & Gratuity)

=====**Please send checks by Thursday May 14, 2015**=====

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 Vic's gift, use this form so that your gift may be acknowledged.*

Your NAME: _____ Tele. No. _____

Check entrée choice **Pork** **Chicken** **Beef**

___ Dinners at \$35.00 each or \$65/couple \$ _____

Gift only \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____