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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

Dear Bothers of Wadsworth,
Sometimes it is difficult to put our thoughts into written words; but here goes.....

At the beginning of this Masonic year I learned that my family and I were going to have to relocate to the Adirondacks for my new position. When this happened, I had to make a decision. I had been elected by you to be Master of Wadsworth Lodge No. 417 and I was conflicted by my desire to fill the responsibility you had given me, and the fear that I would not be able to. And of course, my company required that I travel to Minnesota for three weeks in November, December and January that kept me from attending to my responsibilities as Master for three meetings. For that I apologize and I am very grateful to our Senior Warden W.: Joe Pozesfsky for sitting in the East during my absence.



Since then, I have been making the effort to be at every Lodge meeting. The drive on Wednesday afternoons is 150 miles to Lodge, and then another 150 miles home to Tupper Lake after Lodge. This is not an effort, but a labor of love for the Craft. And it is certainly shorter than the trip W. Bro. Jim Van Der Wal has been making when he travels from Maryland to be with us at our communications.

My question is: where have you been?

I know it can't be the food because our Junior Warden Andy Groff, along with some help from Lou and Rob Emory, has been turning out some terrific meals. And it can't be because Lodge has been running really late because I've been rushing things a little bit due to the ride I have home after each communication. And I know it can't be because of the weather which has been very cooperative this year. So

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UNDER THE MASTER’S HAT (CONT’D)
 the question remains, why are so few Brothers attending Lodge?

Gentlemen, if you haven’t noticed, the food is great this year, our communications move right along, and the fellowship has been terrific. So how about coming down and finding out for yourself. We’ve missed you.

S&F

Bro. Bob Joel, WM

P.S. Congratulations to Bro. Ken Brown on becoming the 2017 Wadsworth Pool Tournament Champion! Great win Ken!

Wadsworth Lodge 2015 – 2016 Trestle Board

August 21, 2016	Annual Picnic
September 14, 2016	Welcome back Brothers Night, Discussion of plans for the year, Read any petitions and Business Meeting
September 28, 2016	Business Meeting and Apron Presentations to Geoff
October 2, 2016 (Sunday)	Family Masonic Trip: The Clark, Williamstown MA
October 12, 2016	Business Meeting and Years of Service Awards Night
October 26, 2016	Lodge Of Instruction
November 9, 2016	Tiled DDGM Visit
November 23, 2016	Lodge Dark due to Holiday Observance
December 14, 2016	Annual Holiday Party, Holiday Toy Drive, Family get together
December 28, 2016	Dark
January 11, 2017	Business Meeting and Masonic Movie Night
January 25, 2017	Annual Pool Tournament and Brother bring a friend night
February 8, 2017	Annual Reports
February 22, 2017	Practice for First Degree
March 8, 2017	Business Meeting
March 22, 2017	Youth Group Night Presentation
April 12, 2017*	Exemplification Conferral for the First Degree
April 26, 2017	Move up Night, all officers elected and appointed and Business Meeting
May 10, 2017	Business Meeting and Master's Annual Report
May 24, 2017	Annual Communications, Appointments and Installation of Officers
June 14, 2017	TBA

* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

Sickness and Distress:

Bro. Edwin Engelhardt's son has recently been diagnosed with a brain tumor and will undergo surgery on February 2, to remove it. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ed's son and family.

R.:W.: Bill Ogren reports that Carol has an abdominal tumor and is scheduled for major surgery on January 18. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill and Carol.

W.: Wilfred Baumann who broke his thumb in a holiday car accident and who was admitted to Albany Medical Center has been discharged and moved into Mercy Life Care Center, Guilderland, NY. Plans are to have him reside permanently in an assisted care facility. It was later reported he is now at Attria Guilderland, 300 Mill Rose Court, Apt 111, Slingerlands NY 12159, (518) 218-0506 and hopes his Brothers will visit him in his new home.

R.:W.: Jim Fuller who recently is reported to have suffered a *heart episode*, is recovered and doing fine. W.: Vic Stewart will look into his condition and report at the next Communication. It was later reported that Bro. Fuller now has a *Pace Maker* for him to *keep on truckin'*.

M.:W.: Bruce Widger, age 92, is still suffering from a respiratory condition.

From W.: Brother Doug Hays reporting on the health of Bro. John S. Luther of Menands, NY. John is a

44-Year Member of Wadsworth. "I talked with Barbara Barrell (John's sister) this afternoon, Saturday, February 11. She said that Jack was still in Albany Medical Center. He has a brace around his neck as he has a fractured neck bone due to the fall. However, they are still doing tests, trying to find out why he fell in the first place..."

This message from R.:W.: Ron Noll regarding Bro. Ed Engelhardt's son, received on February 14. "Ed just phoned me to let me know that his son underwent the Brain Surgery last week, all was well until this evening when complications developed and he was rushed back for emergency surgery."

R.:W.: John Scott's grandson was admitted to Memorial Hospital on Wednesday February 8. He was transferred from Memorial to AMCH and kept there until later Wednesday evening when they got his temperature under control. While I think he should have stayed, he was sent home on inhalers and breathing treatments. We saw him a few days later when he was still tired but improved. Thank you for your thoughts and your note. The support of my Brothers helps a lot.

Brother Ken Brown loss his father on February 18.

Please keep all these brothers and families in your thoughts and prayers.

Sad Tidings:

It has been sad Holiday Season for some of our families, since we lost five of our widows:

December 22 Mrs. Gino F. Amorelli

December 22 Mrs. Helen Jaenisch

December 22 Mrs. Paul E. Davidson

December 24 Mrs Jerome J. Galeo

December 30 Mrs. Helen Jamason

Glad Tidings:

R.: W.: Bill Ogren reports that Carol's major surgery on January 18 went very well. "There was no trace of any cancer in the ovaries or anywhere else. Carolyn came home yesterday - Sunday the January 22nd, and indications are that she will not need another transfusion. The tumor is still being analyzed and the results should be known by Thursday. She now faces a period of time to get her strength back and easing of the pain, she has gone through a lot this past week, but she is a fighter and God was with her. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and emails, and we thank God for blessing us again. God bless all of you!" Bill, Lynne and Diane

Bill reports "...that the doctor said after examining all the biopsies they could find no sign of cancer. God apparently worked another miracle. She still has a long road to recovery though, she has been through a lot."

R.: W.: Brother Ronald H. Noll, 60 years ago on this date (January 11), took his EA Obligation before the Altar. Also, Jan 17, he will celebrate his 83rd birthday. Happy B-Day Ron!

W.: Ken White announced that he is an expectant grandfather.

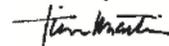
Please communicate sickness and distress and/or glad tidings. Brothers, we will never have knowledge to give support to our Brothers, their Widows or Orphans unless we communicate. Harmony is the support of all institutions, especially this of Our Great Masonic Lodge, Wadsworth #417.

Second Dues Notice:

Wadsworth 2107 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. Your annual dues help Wadsworth remain

an active and vital part of the Albany area. Thank You Again

Fraternally,



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Grand Master's President Day Message:

My Brothers and Friends,

During the month of February, our Country celebrates President's Day. This holiday originally celebrated our first President, and fellow Freemason Brother George Washington. Eventually the day was changed to honor all Presidents. History reveals that at least eleven Presidents of the United States were members of our fraternity. Thus, in some ways, we can acknowledge that our country was founded upon Masonic values and principles. Those noble characteristics shed its beneficent influence upon our Country and all humankind.

So on this special day, we join all our fellow Americans as we remember and honor all the past

Presidents of the United States of America who have led our beloved country for over 220 years.

On behalf myself, Lady Carla, RW Charles Catapano, Deputy Grand Master, and his Lady Donna, as well as the Elected and Appointed Grand Line, we are all pleased to join me in this greeting.

In addition, let us implore the Great Architect of the Universe to protect the members of our Armed Forces as they are protecting us, wherever in the world they may be serving. May He bring them back home and out of harm's way to their families and friends!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Jeffrey M. Williamson
Grand Master

Around the District:

Masters and Officers Association Schedule

August 29, 2016
September 29, 2016
October 31, 2016
November 29, 2016

January 30, 2017
March 29, 2017
May 30, 2017

District Web Page

The new webpage is OLD17TH.ORG

DD Visits

Goeffrey's visits are finished for another year.

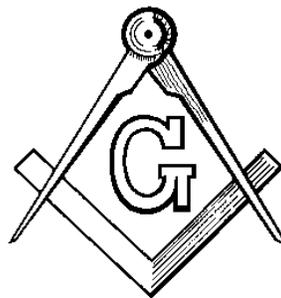
Recurring Events

Coffee Fellowship at Troy Masonic Community Center, 39 Brunswick Rd, Troy, NY 12180 from 9 to 12 on Tuesday mornings. If you prefer something on the west side of the river there is also coffee at the same time at Evening Star Lodge #75 F&AM, 206 Old Loudon Rd, Latham,

NY 12110.

The first Wednesday of each month R.: W.: Michael Weisburg holds a School of Instruction at the Albany Temple from 6:30 to 9:30.

The third Sunday of every month there are two activities: There is a breakfast at Victor 1535 NY Route 67, Schaghticoke, NY from 7:30 to 9:30. There is also Regional Food Bank Volunteering with St. George's Lodge #6 at the Regional Food Bank of Latham. This event is open to all Masons, their friends and family. If anyone has any questions, they can contact the Worshipful Master of St. George's Lodge - Paul Hulseapple at 265-4211



Poet's Corner:

This poem from W.: Bill Ogren reflecting on the latest battle his family has had to face:

Fighting The Unknown Together

When your health begins to fail, you know you're growing old.
You never think about such things when watching life unfold.
Fighting the unknown is what you must take in stride.
It's different than the open path, we once walked side by side.

We found that path had narrowed with our options winding down.
The smile we gave each other then, at times became a frown.
That path's not going down a slope, it's climbing up a hill.
Now our life's a little harder yet our dreams we still fulfill.

We've been together many years and hope for many more.
We do not fear the future or the trials that lie in store
Each year the hill grew longer and we often wondered why.
Then one day we took notice, it was climbing toward the sky.

The hill is just a symbol; it represents our trip through life.
For we've done it all together in spite of all life's strife.
Hard times have made us stronger while going on our way.
We faced our trials together and we're facing more today.

There were also times of sadness when this life was growing dark.
When everything was closing in, like life had lost its spark.
Not knowing what the future held, we had no crystal ball.
We'll never quit; we'll make it, even if we have to crawl.

It was during times like these that our faith would pull us through.
We put these things in God's hands, and he showed us what to do.
Whatever trials befall us we will face them all as one.
We thank God for his guidance and for all that he has done.

William E. Ogren
December 30, 2016



Tales of the Ring

My Masonic Ring.

By Worshipful Brother Quentin M. Blackstone

From a not remembered source

"What lodge are you from," the man behind the counter queried? I had said nothing to indicate my affiliation with the Masonic order.

"Oh, you're a Mason!" a young man exclaimed, "My father is a Mason." Again I had made no mention of my belonging to the Fraternity.

The tell-tale culprit, I knew, was the Masonic ring on my right hand ring finger.

Wearing my Masonic ring has for me become as much a statement of pride as of fashion; it is also, a source of inspiration for others and myself.

I received this Masonic ring from my Lady as a Valentine's Day gift. Mine is a simple ring. Made of yellow gold, it has a red oblong stone inlaid with the square and compasses with the letter "G". A trowel and plumb adorn alternate sides of the ring. It's quite distinctive. I have seen the beautiful and elaborate settings of diamonds, birth stones, and other precious gemstones. For my fashion sense, I like the quiet elegance of my Masonic ring. I wear my Masonic ring daily. I wear the ring with a sense of pride because I am proud to be a Mason. As the above examples indicate, people see my ring and ask about it. Usually the individual already knows about Masonry, recognizes the emblem, and makes a comment.

As a nurse, I work in nursing home facilities. I have been amazed at how a Masonic ring inspires memories of Masonry in the elderly. Residents will recognize my ring and spontaneously recount their experiences. I met one man, who rarely spoke to anyone, and he eyed me suspiciously as I approached him with his scheduled pills. Suddenly a smile came to his face as the man sat up in bed and pointed to my new Masonic ring. Then, he pointed to his Masonic ring which was worn smooth with age. He began a conversation about attending lodge meetings. His smile showed that he took great joy and pleasure in being a Mason. At another nursing home, there was the man who, upon finding that we were fraternal brothers, looked for me daily, at 2:45 pm as I came on duty. He would always wave and say hello. And he and I would talk Masonry. Almost every time that I

passed his doorway he would have something to say about Masonry. I would have to pull myself away from the discussion to do my work.

One particular woman, I was told, did not like men. It was expected that she might not take her pills from me. Standing at her doorway, I could see her lying on her bed facing the opposite wall. I knocked on her door and announced that I had her scheduled pills. The woman made no attempt to move. Out of habit, I reached over her prone position to show her the pills in the small paper cup.

"Oh, you're a Mason!" the woman exclaimed with as much pleasure as surprise. She turned and looked me in the eye with a smile, saying, "My husband was a Mason." "I was in Eastern Star, of course," she said matter-of-factly. The tone of her voice changed to a softness and friendliness that led me to believe that she felt safe. Even though she did not know me, she did know that I was a Mason.

In one facility, a young man working as a nursing aide simply stated "You're a Mason, I see." pointing to my ring finger. I gave him a "What is Masonry" brochure. He was inspired by my ring to make comment which inspired me to spread the word about Masonry. In this manner, my fashionable ring is, also, my appropriate advertisement for the fraternity.

Finally, in a fast food restaurant, a young male worker said to me, "You're a Mason, I'm a DeMolay." That statement immediately launched us into a discussion that concluded with his admission that his desire was to join the Masons as soon as he comes of age. It is this kind of recognition between Masons and DeMolays that fosters these young men to enter our fraternity.

I like wearing a Masonic ring for the combined effect of a fashion statement and my pride as a member of this fraternity. I also, enjoy the unexpected fellowship derived from memories of Masonry elicited by my ring in the elderly at nursing facilities. To non-Masons my ring encourages the interest in Freemasonry. This is how Masonry unites all mankind in fellowship. This is how Masonry advances the fraternity. This is how we are identified as Masons. This is my Masonic ring.



Holiday Gathering

Regretably we have no report or pictures of this year's gathering. However, we do have this thank you Amanda Ahlemeyer, Executive Assistant at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Rensselaer County, which is far better.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

– Winston Churchill

Once again, your thoughtful and generous donation of collected toys have certainly brightened the holidays for hundreds of children in Rensselaer this year. With the help of your incredible donation,

we were able to give toys to more than 150 youth (from newborn to 18 years old!) at our Santa Visit and Toy Giveaway for all of Rensselaer County. We were then able to have a second party for our Club members and provide more than 10 adopted families with toys for their holiday! You have made a meaningful impact in the lives of many.

Thank you for helping to put presents under the tree, fill stockings and fill hearts this holiday season. On behalf of the families and children served, and the staff at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Rensselaer County, we thank you!

Happy Holidays and best wishes for 2017!



Annual Awards

Regrettably we had a graphics in the Fall issue and now we have a space crunch so here are the names of the awardees and a recent picture:

5 Years

MIKEY J. DADY, Albany, NY
BRIAN E. JOHNSON, Florence, SC
DONALD W. PITTS, Albany, NY

10 Years

JEREMY W. CLAUSER, Chesapeake, VA
W.: NIELS C. JURGENSEN, Albany, NY
DREW A. MILLIER, Ballston Spa, NY
DONOVAN R. WHITE, Albany, NY

15 Years

VICTOR K. CALDWELL, Albany, NY
SANJAY CHOPRA, Mason, OH
DENIS JONES, Rensselaer, NY

20 Years

W.: MICHAEL R. GAMMANS, Schenectady, NY
ALAN C. GARRISON, Albany, NY
V.: W.: R. H. GAUL, Schenectady, NY in absentia
PAUL ROSENBLATT SR, Catskill, NY

25 Years

STEVEN M. CONANT, Schenectady, NY

30 Years

CHARLES W. HANER, Clifton Park, NY
R.: W.: GEOFFREY T. HODERATH, Albany, NY
JOHN G. MILSOP, Schenectady, NY
W.: DONALD R. MORRELL JR, Mount Dora, FL
W.: KENNETH M. WHITE, Delmar, NY

35 Years

R.: W.: STEPHEN S. KING, Albany, NY
DONALD D. KINGSTON, Rotterdam, NY
CLAIR J. MILLER, Leesburg, FL

40 Years

FREDERICK P. PETTINGELL, Rensselaer, NY

45 Years

W.: MARK H. BAUMBACH, Voorheesville, NY
V.: W.: JAMES J. VAN DE WAL, Chestertown, MD

55 Years

W.: WILFRED C. BAUMANN, Esperance, NY
WARD R. JONES, Lehigh Acres, FL
CHARLES E. MORRIS, Albany, NY
CHARLES G. WOLZ JR, Clifton Park, NY

65 Years

FREDERICK GILLESPIE, Stephenville, TX



**Wadsworth Lodge Past Master Bill Baumann
Is Presented His 55 Year Pin & Certificate
By Bros. Tim Martin, Sec'y & Doug Kantrowitz, Jr. Deacon**

Bill was not able to attend the Awards Night in October. So Doug and Tim went to visit him in his new digs at Attria Guilderland, 300 Mill Rose Court, Slingerlands NY 12159. They delivered his Pin and Certificate.

Parting Shots:

Brothers with Birthdays in December, January and February			
Roy E. Gilbert	December 18, 1916	Edward S. Kosinski	January 19, 1945
Alfred Krueger Jr.	December 11, 1933	Steven B. Silverman	January 17, 1950
Fred W. Briggs	December 7, 1940	Carl N. Jurgensen	January 21, 1953
John S. Luther	December 15, 1941	Kenneth M. White	January 26, 1955
Bernard Maskell Jr.	December 4, 1950	B. Robert Joel III	January 23, 1956
Marvin Wesley Antenucci	December 1, 1954	John L. Miller	January 27, 1959
John E. Haight	December 19, 1955	Roger Alan Murphy	January 21, 1966
Bruce Susser	December 29, 1956	Nicholas J. Blais	January 5, 1990
Paul Baum	December 28, 1958	Clair J. Miller	February 29, 1928
William R. Godell	December 13, 1959	Robert D. Leitch Jr.	February 25, 1934
Drew Millier	December 27, 1981	Edwin W. Engelhardt	February 25, 1937
Kyle Dain Buckingham	December 25, 1982	Nicholas C. Jacobia	February 17, 1951
Ronald H. Noll	January 17, 1934	William S. Panitch	February 6, 1954
Harry D. Henry Jr.	January 22, 1936	Mikey J. Dady	February 10, 1976

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.