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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

An old head under a new hat – I was Master the first time, in King Solomon's Primitive Lodge No. 91, in 1992 – that Lodge merged with Apollo No. 13, becoming Apollo-King Solomon's No. 13 and I was Master of that Lodge in the 1990's. Now here I am, going for the third strike.

Last year, we lost TWO of our stalwarts: W.: Leo Synakowski and R.:W.: Carl Rymski. Hopefully this year will be a little better. I look forward to serving as your Master.

By the time you read this, Wadsworth's clam bake will be a pleasant memory, thanks to the efforts of our Senior and Junior



Wardens, and the generosity of V.:W.: Jim Van De Wal allowing us the use of his land and home in Queensbury.

Future plans call for the exemplification of at least one Degree, possibly all three. Our Veterans' night will be November 8th – further details will be forthcoming on that one.

This message will be short, sweet, and to the point – your assistance and attendance is requested on the second and fourth Wednesdays – come to Lodge, and watch me screw up the ritual.

S&F Joe

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UNDER THE MASTER’S HAT (CONT’D)

Wadsworth Lodge 2017 – 2018 Trestle Board

September 13, 2017	Lodge Reopens for the Fall
September 27, 2017	Business Meeting
October 11, 2017	Assignment of Parts and Rehearsal for First Degree Exemplification
October 25, 2017	First Degree Exemplification
November 08, 2017	Years of Service Awards
November 22, 2017	Lodge is DARK, Thanksgiving
December 13, 2017	Christmas and Chanukah Observance
December 27, 2017	Last Meeting for 2017 – may be cancelled by vote of the Lodge
January 10, 2018	Start off the New Year
January 24, 2018	Annual Pool Tournament and Brother Bring a Friend night
February 14, 2018	Valentine’s Day Program, Ladies Invited
February 28, 2018	President’s night
March 14, 2018	Second Degree or at least the Middle Chamber Lecture
March 28, 2018	Business Meeting
April 11, 2018	Business Meeting
April 25, 2018	District Deputy Homecoming
May 9, 2018	Reports on Grand Lodge, Election and Installation of Officers
May 23, 2018	Business Meeting

“*” Indicated Tuxedos to be worn

(Practice Nights on Wednesdays before Degree at 7:00p.m.)
 * Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

Sickness and Distress:

We lost Carol Ogren on July 20th after a brief and some might say mysterious illness. Carol was the loving wife and companion of R.:W.: Bill Ogren. She was also a former editor of the Sideliner.

R.:W.: Carl Rymski our long time Tyler and wife of Ann Rymski passed away on July 30th. After a prolonged off and on battle with cancer.

Barbara Burrell is in Daughter of Sarah Nursing Home.

R.:W.: Jim Fuller is spending more and more time in a wheel chair, which explains his prolonged absence from our meetings.

R.:W.: Clayton Simons fell and broke his shoulder on Tuesday the 22nd. He is now in rehab recovering from surgery. Cards and well wishes can be sent to 24214 Calusa Blvd., Eustis, FL 32736

Glad Tidings:

Lynne Ogren sent us a personal note of thank you. *"Thank you for the beautiful flowers to honor Carolyn. We appreciate your support during this difficult time."*

Ann Rymski sent us a lovely thank you for the flowers that were sent to the funeral. *"The floral arrangement you selected was lovely. The white and green theme of the flowers was simple but elegant. As I had arranged for the Sunday alter flowers to be used for his service, there was no need to leave this beautiful arrangement. Instead it graces my dining room table to*

brighten my day as I sit to work through the many tasks to be accomplished"

We have had four gatherings this Summer. There was the Annual Summer Picnic at the Pavillion in Henry Hudson Park in Bethlehem on July 23rd. Bro. Paul Baum hosted two ritual rehearsals and fellowship events at his home. And then there was the End of Summer Event at the Van De Wal's Summer place in Queensbury on September 9th.

IN MEMORIAM

R.:W.: Carl F. Rymski III

Became a Mason January 11, 1972

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on February 8, 1972

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 8, 1972

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High July 30, 2017**

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Charles G. Wolz, Jr.

Became a Mason February 22, 1961

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on April 12, 1961

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 10, 1961

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High September 9, 2017**

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

Day	Date	Lodge	Day	Date	Lodge
Tuesday	September 26, 2017	Noah No. 754	Thursday	January 11, 2018	St. George's No. 6
Tuesday	October 10, 2017	Victor No. 680	Tuesday	January 16, 2018	Bethlehem No. 85
Monday	October 16, 2017	Mt. Vernon No. 3	Thursday	February 1, 2018	Clinton No. 140
Tuesday	October 24, 2017	Beukendaal No. 980	Monday	February 5, 2018	Mt. Zion No. 311
Thursday	November 2, 2017	Berne No. 684	Thursday	February 22, 2018	Van Rensselaer No. 87
Monday	November 13, 2017	Masters No. 5	Wednesday	March 7, 2018	Schenectady No. 1174
Tuesday	November 28, 2017	Evening Star No. 75	Thursday	March 15, 2018	Apollo-King Solomon's No. 13
Tuesday	December 5, 2017	Ancient Temple No. 14	Wednesday	April 25, 2018	Wadsworth No. 417.
Thursday	December 18, 2017	Guttenberg No. 737			[Homecoming]

Masters and Officers Association Schedule

August 29, 2017
 September 29, 2017
 January 29, 2018

years which we dreaded there are not
 many fifth Mondays in 2017-2018

This schedule is tentative and
 subject to change. This is one of the

District Web Page

<http://www.old17th.org>

DD Visits

As can be seen by the schedule Geoffry has done as he promised and spread his visits out across the calendar. This should make it easier for us to come out and support him.

Masters and Officers Meeting

The officers for the ensuing year are:
 President – Edwin Hathaway
 Vice President - Paul Hulseapple
 Treasurer - Robert McCloskey
 Secretary – Ryan Cerone

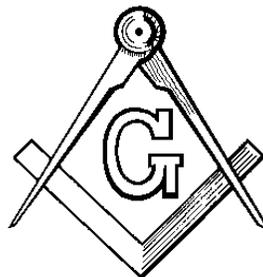
Among other things discussed were the things that did not happen last year such as the Bell Ringing and the VA visit.

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:

A Memoriam For Carolyn

Carolyn, The Love Of My Life

The lady that I love is gone; she's departed from my sight.
The void she left cannot be filled; daylight's turned to night.
She had a certain radiance that many never know.
We shared a love for one another; I will miss her subtle glow.

She was a shy and quiet person with a radiance all her own.
Yet she had a special laughter that was hers, and hers alone.
This humble little lady could brighten up a gloomy day.
For she stood out on her own in her very special way.

She would always give a helping hand to anyone in need.
This loving, caring person was my special friend indeed.
I miss her so already, for she made my life worthwhile.
But the thing I'll miss the most is the magic in her smile.

For sixty years I loved her, through happy times and sad.
Now I'm facing life without her, the best friend I ever had.
The house we shared is quiet now; it has an eerie feel.
I will always miss her; I can't believe her passing's real.

We truly loved each other; she was always by my side,
For she gave my life meaning with arms that opened wide.
We always loved to travel when we were young and well.
They filled us with adventure and stories we could tell.

I am left with many happy memories to carry in my heart.
When I unite with her in heaven, we will never be apart.
The Lord sent me an angel who brought joy into my life.
She was my ray of sunshine, for God's angel was my wife.

William E. Ogren
July 29, 2017



Tales of the Ring

This edition's tale is probably the most common in one variation or another. It is the case of a man noticing the ring and prompting him to ask the question.

This tale is my tale. Ken Moore's last job when he worked for the DoT was as a Claims Engineer. When a contractor feels he has been treated unfairly and not been compensated properly they may file a claim. At that time it is assigned to a claims engineer to determine the validity of the claim and help negotiate a settlement or defend the suit if it goes to court.

As it happens one of the projects that I was involved in went to a claim for compensation. Ken was assigned to the claim and we were involved in various meetings with the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the case. During one of trips to a meeting I notice his ring. I had come from a Masonic family, father and uncles. I mentioned that he had done some traveling.

We talked for a while and then I finally asked the question and he gave me a petition and the rest is history.



Holiday Message from Grand Master

My Brothers,

The autumn season is approaching and so is our traditional end of summer holiday. This also is the time that the officers and brothers of our lodges plan their trestleboards for the ensuing year. Let us pause to appreciate all that our working people have contributed to our society. All of us look forward to the new Masonic Year with all the importance and enjoyment that will come along.

This year, the end of September also brings the New Year to our Jewish brothers and families. "La Shona Tovah" to all them. May they all be inscribed in the Book of Life (as well as all our brothers and their families).

I am proud and pleased to wish all our brethren and their families a hearty Happy Labor Day, and best wishes for the coming Autumn season. My wife Carla, Deputy Grand Master RW William Sardone and his wife Nancy, and the entire elected and appointed members of the Grand Line and their ladies are all pleased to join me in this greeting.

This year we have an almost unique situation. As all our brothers know all too well, brothers, sisters,

family, and friends in South Texas have endured massive flooding, with many homes and lives totally destroyed. The Grand Lodge of Texas has requested financial help to assist our Brothers and their families who have been injured or received extensive damage to their homes from Hurricane Harvey. We remember all too well when our brothers endured Hurricane Sandy, and the help we received from brothers all over the country. It's just fair that we now reciprocate and I have set up a special section of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund for this purpose. For your ease and convenience, we have established a special tab on the main page of our Grand Lodge Website (www.nymasons.org) . I urge all brothers to help out.

In addition, let us implore the Great Architect of the Universe to protect the members of our Armed Forces and First Responders 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

Rolphie Run 2017

This article comes to us compliments of Doug Kantrowitz:

I have no doubt that Rolph Karker is looking down from above and is very proud of how his friends and family continue to honor his name and the cause he held so dear.

June 3rd was Rolphie Run number 12, for those of you keeping count. Rolph Karker, a long time bike rider, father, friend, business owner, volunteer, Santa, and most importantly, an advocate to help needy children to find a better tomorrow. And that's what this run is all about. A motorcycle accident took Rolph in 2005. Since then, family and friends have been hosting this annual event. The run is always around Rolphies birthday. This year would have marked his 70th. We have had a lot of rain up this way lately, but Rolphies day was beautiful, though chilly. Turnout was a bit light this year mainly due to a web site snafu. This led to some confusion on run date and details. But that issue is being taken care of. We had close to 100 riders nonetheless.

Folks started gathering at the Cobleskill County Fairgrounds between 10 and 11 am. There were vendors set up with merch for sale, as well as raffle tickets for various giveaways and a food truck. We also had to pick our first card of the day. Rolphies is also a poker run. After a few words of dedication from Justin, Rolphie's son, it was kickstands up at noon.

Our first stop was to a funky little bar named Heartbreak Hotel in the town of Jefferson, right off rte. 10. Allman Brothers music filled the air, an obvious tribute to Gregg, and they had an array of snacks set out for us. We met some friendly folks in that little town. It was there I met 10 year old Kimber. She was there with

her dad, and this was her first "Big Ride". She was thrilled, as we all were, to be riding with a big group of motorcycles. Her dad, Doug, is a patch holder with The Widow's Sons, a charitable riding association comprised of Masons in good standing. Their goal is to organize motorcycle runs for non-specific charities. They take care of all the details for your charitable event. You can contact Doug at 518 470-6705. Motorcycle people always seem to pull together when needed.

Soon it was time to mount up again. We were headed down picturesque route 23 to the town of Prattsville. The folks there at the Prattsville Tavern were very happy to see us and had a nice spread ready for some hungry riders. The mini-hotdogs seemed to be a big hit. We stay about a half hour at each stop, so soon we were on our way again. This time continuing down route 23 headed for East Durham. This ride through the Catskills is like no other. Smooth roads and stunning vistas are offered as we wind our way through the mountains.

The Saloon in East Durham is a big comfortable bar/restaurant. I can picture it being the place to be when the summer kicks in. From there it's back to the Fairgrounds for a chicken bbq and some good tunes.

The run is about 100 miles in total and features a different route every year. Some careful planning goes into these rides. Safety is key and everyone has a great time. All the proceeds, every penny, from this run goes to helping children in Schoharie County. But this run is for everybody, not just Schoharie residents.

A Great run for a Great cause.... Making a Difference One Child at a Time.



Linda Karker (Rolphie's wife) with 10 year old Kimber and her dad Doug,

Picnic 2017

A great day was had by all. The weather threaten but ultimately cooperated. The usual cast of characters showed up less Geoffrey, who was in England and the

Fullers. We had a few more wives and family this year as well as a few new comers.



Bruce making preparations before the crowd arrives.

Summer Ritual Meetings



Surprising the chef at work



Everybody gathered around

Paul Baum and Andy Groff decided to have a couple of informal get togethers over the Summer. The original intent was to practice the ritual especially opening and closing the lodge.

The meetings were open to all Brothers not just the officers. This resulted in a gathering of 12

to 15 Brothers over the course of two meetings. They were an enjoyable times of eating, visiting, catching up and, of course, practicing the ritual.

Thanks to Tim Martin for the pictures.

End of Summer Event

The Van Der Wals have a Summer place on the Hudson River in Queensbury. It is across the river from West Mountain. They graciously offered to host an End of Summer Event on Saturday September 9th.

The weather cooperated to an extent. The rain stayed west of the West Mountain, but it was cloudy and in the mid 60's. But as the day wore on the sun came out and it was a great day. Jim has been concerned with the cool weather of late and what effect it will have on the temperature of the river.

The lodge provided clambakes from Lanthier's Grove, as well as, other traditional picnic food for the non clam eating people. We rented a tent just in case of rain or to provide shade.

There was boating, fishing and all around good fellowship. With about 20 brothers with family and friends we had close to fifty people to say good by to summer.

Photo credits go the host Jim Van Der Wal.



End of Summer Event (Cont'd)



Hurricane Irma

Many of our Floridian Brothers are in areas that will be effected by Irma. The majority are around Orlando which was just east of the center of the storm as it passed. Ward Jones is near Fort Myers where the center of the storm first hit the mainland. Cliff Coughlin and Pete Van Kampen are on the east coast on the dirty side of the storm.

We reached out to those with email to find out about their plans and received two replies. The first is from Pete in Edgewater.

“Right about now I think I would rather be up there. We live in Edgewater, on the east coast, and still we could receive a Cat. 3 storm due to its size. Oh by the way, Edgewater is below Daytona Beach and next to New Smyrna Beach. Being the direction and where it will be located, we will be on the northeast corner of the hurricane and that is usually the biggest problem area. With all that, we will be staying put.

A few things has kept us here but it is all good. We had relatives staying here until today, Saturday when they were to fly out. They got to the Orlando airport early this morning and now we are just waiting to here if they are back in Albany. The second thing was to pick up close friends at Port Canaveral from their week long cruise. They never got into any designated port of call that was scheduled and have had a very

rough ride, thanks to Irma. Needless to say they could not get into Port Canaveral and will be pulling into New Orleans to wait Irma out. They are due to arrive back here on Wednesday morning at which time they will be picked up and taken home to the Haines City area, which is southeast of Disney. And yes, Disney is closed for the duration, along with all the theme parks.

We have picked up all the necessities needed which goes along with all the hurricane supplies that are already stored. The windows have the hurricane shutters on them and anything outside, that may fly, has been put in the garage. Now we are waiting for the outer bands to start later tonight with Irma to be here in the early hours of Sunday. By supper time Monday it should be out of here with clean up on Tuesday. All of our neighbors have decided to stay also, but no hurricane parties until Irma is outta here. After which I will write again and hopefully everyone who has stayed, for whatever reason, they are safe with very little damage to their home.”

The second is from Don Morrell in Mount Dora, just north of Orlando. Central Florida is a pretty safe place to be. I am all prepped and ready to go. I anticipate losing power. We have plenty of food and water. **R. : W. :** Clay will stay in the rehab facility with plenty of food.

E-Mail Addresses

In my recent email communications I have had five email addresses come back undeliverable. They belong to: Ben Froggett, James Curtis, JohnMiller and Thomas Stark. If you would please

send me an email at “paul_bailey@verizon.net” so I may have your correct email address. If you have reverted to snail mail drop me a line at PO Box 5654, Albany, NY 12205-0654

Parting Shots:

Brothers with Birthdays in June, July and August			
Wilfred C. Baumann	June 7, 1929	Bruce N. Hazard	June 3, 1949
Mark H. Baumbach	June 23, 1943	Geoffrey T. Hoderath	August 2, 1957
Kenneth T. Brown	August 19, 1969	Curtis James Kammerer	June 23, 1980
Victor Keith Caldwell	August 22, 1955	Jean R. Karm	June 10, 1958
Steven Martin Conant	June 24, 1958	Stephen S. King	August 30, 1950
Michael Stephen Drooker	July 20, 1942	Alan Lasker	June 27, 1949
Robert E. Emory	August 22, 1984	Gary A. Loeb	June 25, 1954
William S. Fancher Jr.	June 5, 1947	Timothy M. Martin	July 2, 1947
James L. Fuller	June 21, 1931	Joe P. Pozefsky	June 24, 1943
Alan C. Garrison	August 14, 1954	Paul Rosenblatt Sr.	August 25, 1946
Stephen J. Garry	August 23, 1962	Kurt Rosenfeldt	June 11, 1943
Raymond H. Gaul	August 1, 1949	John W. Scott	July 16, 1955
Frederick Gillespie	July 10, 1928	Matthew Williams Scott	August 13, 1987
Aaron W. Gladd	June 22, 1986	Thomas P. Stark Jr.	June 17, 1945
Charles W. Haner	August 13, 1936	Leroy Paul Stevens	August 18, 1950
Douglas C. Hays	July 13, 1947	R. Victor Stewart	August 20, 1941

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 Paul with your birth date.

