

The Sideliner

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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

I would like to start by taking a moment to remember one of our great brothers, Ronald Harold Noll, and his illustrious life-long involvement with Freemasonry. Ronald was a member and past master of Wadsworth Lodge # 417 F&AM in Albany. He was a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Albany District. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and the Shriners, and was most proud of having achieved the 33rd degree in Freemasonry; an honorary degree that is awarded to members who have exemplified exceptional dedication and service within the organization. As a Shriner, he found great joy in driving children with disabilities to the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield, Mass. May Ronald rest in peace.

March in upstate NY is such an interesting month. We never know if it is going to be winter one day, or spring the next. A few snowy days gave me some down time and the opportunity to continue to learn about Masonry. For example, this last

week I learned the world's tallest mason was Robert Wadlow. He was born in 1918, and lived to the age of 22 passing in 1940. Robert was 8 feet 11.1 inches when he died. To this day, no one has been known to grow taller. His Masonic ring was said to be a size 25. I challenge each of you to learn something weekly about Masonry. Whether it is about the Grand Lodge, your own lodge, or an appendant body, there is so much history and so much to learn.



Speaking of history, on Thursday, March 21st, the Albany Masonic temple will be hosting a dinner and lecture by Brother Scott Wolter. I am looking forward to the lecture and learning even more about The Knights Templar and Freemasonry. We hope you can come on out and join us for a great evening with Scott. Please contact Brother Keith Becker for more details.

Fraternally,
Robert.

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Wadsworth Lodge 2023 – 2024 Trestle Board

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| 6/2/23-6/4/23 | Utica lodge tour - stay over two nights at Camp Turk to volunteer and tour Old Forge town and lodge |
| 9/13/2023 | Business Meeting - Program TBA |
| * 9/27/2023 | 1st Degree |
| 10/6 -10/8/2023 | Two day Fall bus trip to Philadelphia Grand Lodge |
| 10/11/2023 | Business meeting - Bro. Bailey Program |
| 10/25/2023 | Years of Service Night |
| 11/08/2023 | Business Meeting - Bro. McCall Program |
| * 11/15/23 | 1st Degree (the third Wednesday) |
| 11/22/2023 | Dark - Thanksgiving |
| 12/13/2023 | Business Meeting - Program TBA |
| 12/16/23 | Saturday 4pm Holiday Party - Open |
| 12/27/2024 | Dark - For Bro. Baum's Birthday |
| 1/10/2024 | Pool tournament |
| 1/24/2024 | Business meeting - TBA |
| 2/14/2024 | Valentine's Day - no meeting |
| 2/28/2024 | Business Meeting - Reports Night |
| 3/13/2024 | Business Meeting - Program TBA |
| * 3/27/2024 | DDGM Visit |
| * 4/10/2024 | Possible Second Degree |
| 4/24/2024 | Business meeting - Move up Night |
| * 5/8/2024 | Business meeting - Election and installation of Officers |
| 5/22/2024 | TBA |
| 6/12/2024 | TBA |
| 6/26/2024 | TBA |

* Tuxedos and white gloves to be worn by officers

Sickness and Distress:

Al Krueger lost his beloved son Alf to cancer November 22. Burial will be private with a celebration of life this Spring.

Paul Bailey trip and fell leaving lodge, but is recovering nicely after first aid and help from the Brothers and a visit to the ER

Lawrence Murphy son of the late Robert Murphy passed away in November.

Glad Tidings:

We may have three Candidates this Spring: Brad his proposer is Bruce Susser, Ryan a friend of Cullen Kasunic and Dan Andresen by way of Brenden O'Keefe. In addition we are contemplating an affiliate from Heidelberg Germany. He is Sven Golling, a friend of Ken Rouse. They were Brothers in Alt Heidelberg No. 821. However, now that the military are no longer station in Heidelberg the lodge has lost many Brothers and is going down hill so they have dimitted leaving Sven without a lodge.

Speaking of the military Kurt Kammerer has moved from Goose Creek SC and JointBase Charleston to St. Mary's GA, just across the river from Florida. He is now station at King's Bay Naval Submarine Base.

Ken and Joanne White welcomed their fifth grandchild on December 21. Belle McClenny White in Raleigh NC. The proud parents are Bryan and Ashley White.

IN MEMORIAM

RONALD H. NOLL

Became a Mason January 9, 1957

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on January 23, 1957

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 27, 1957

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High January 26, 2024**

IN MEMORIAM

CULVER F. HAYS, JR.

Became a Mason April 13, 1954

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on May 11, 1954

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 25, 1954

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High February 16, 2022**

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| <p>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.</p> |
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Reminder of 2023 Lodge Dues:

For Brothers who have met their obligation – **Thank You.** For others please remit your dues as soon as possible. Remember that your dues are the life blood of our Lodge. When you send in your check, please up-date your address, phone number and internet address for our Secretary.

If there is a hardship for which a Brother is unable to pay his due, Article VI, 1b states

“Should reasonable cause be established because of poor health or financial problems the member may have his due remitted by vote of the Lodge.” Please, Brethren, let the Worshipful Master or Secretary know of your hardship instead of becoming unaffiliated for nonpayment of dues.

Around the District:

District Deputy Grand Master Visit Schedule 2023-2024

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| Victor #680 | Tuesday, September 26, 2023 | Evening Star #75* Noah #754 | Tuesday, January 23, 2024 |
| Mt. Vernon #3* Bethlehem #85 | Monday, October 16, 2023 | AKS #13* Berne # 684 | Thursday, February 15, 2024 |
| Beukendaal #915 | Tuesday , October 24, 2023 | Mount Zion #311 | Monday, March 4, 2024 |
| Ancient Temple #14 | Tuesday, November 7, 2023 | Wadsworth #417 | Wednesday, March 27, 2024 |
| Masters #5 | Tuesday, November 28, 2023 | Gutenberg #737 | Thursday, April 4, 2024 |
| St. George's #6 | Thursday, January 11, 2024 | Van Rensselaer #87 ¹ | Thursday, April 25, 2024 |
| | | Schenectady #1174 ² | Wednesday, April 27, 2024 |

District Web Page is Old 17th.org

Thursday March 21 Ancient Temple Chapter No.5 is hosting a dinner and lecture with Scott Wolter.

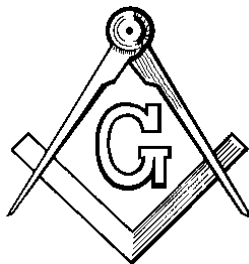
Schenectady Lodge has decided to keep going on its own for at least this year.

Ongoing Programs

Every Tuesday 9-12 Coffee and Fellowship, Evening Star, 260 Old Loudon Road, Latham

Every Tuesday 9-12 Coffee Fellowship, Troy Masonic Community Center, 30 Brunswick Road, Troy.

3rd. & 5th Sunday of Month 7:30-11am Pancake Breakfast, Victor Lodge, 1535 Route 67, Schaghticoke



Poet's Corner:

The Craft

Are we perfect? No, we never were, nor will we ever be,
Yet our light has been a beacon for all the world to see.

Belonging to a brotherhood that shares a trust in God,
We've left our mark upon the world, wherever we have trod.

Founded in antiquity and lasting through the years,
A fraternity of friendship, a brotherhood of peers.

From the moment we are raised, until we are deceased,
We always have the memory of our journey to the East.

When I knelt before the altar and then was brought to light,
I looked upon the Bible and the brothers in my sight.

My brothers never left my side through many trying days.
They made my life much richer in so many different ways.

I've felt the grip of brotherhood while traveling o'er the land.
That grip of Master Mason that is passed from hand to hand.

I have felt the nervous handshake of a brother newly raised
And the cold hand in a hospice on a brother's final days.

I have labored in the quarries for I felt the cause was just.
Now I wear this purple apron and I view it as a trust.

An apron's just a piece of cloth, although it's worn with pride.
It's what it represents that counts a brotherhood worldwide.

R.: W.: William E. Ogren



Tales of the Ring

As is the case this column takes on the theme of Brother helping Brother.

After the pool tournament, we were going out to the cars and I had a mis-step off of the curb. I ended up hitting my head. Well the Brothers remaining after the meeting sprang into action.

Rob Emory was dispatched to CVS for first aid supplies. While Ken Brown and Andy Groff found ice and compresses to stop the bleeding. The picture was after the bleeding was under control. The cut above the eye was the worst and does not show it.

Everybody stayed even after there was nothing to do and waiting for supplies. I appreciate the help, support and the company immensely. But as Paul Baum said “That is what Brothers do”



Courtesy of Paul Baum



Holiday Gathering

Unfortunately there are no graphics for this year's party. As has been the tradition admission is a new unwrapped toy. Usually the recipient of these gifts has been the Boys and Girls Club of Rensselaer during their holiday party. However, it turned out that they scheduled their party the same night as

ours. Therefore, we pooled our toys with the rest of the toys in the “Toys for Tots” box.

Music for this year's party was supplied by none other than our own Brendan O'Keefe and his guitar.

Remembering Ron

Normally when a Brother passes away we do at least four things:

- We recognize the passing with a Memorial Box in the Sideliner.
- We prepare a Resolution of Respect for the family.
- We prepare a Memorial Page for the Minutes, when it is read in Lodge.
- We drape the Alter with a black cloth for one month.
- If the family asks we perform a Masonic Service.

However, in Ron's case with the e-mail out pouring of remembrances from the Brothers. I decided he deserves his own page in the Sideliner.

R.:W.: Noll was in the east the night I was raised a link to a wonderful evening has been broken. - William Fancher

I'm glad though that he had such a good long life both within and outside his Masonry life. I will say a prayer for him. - Steve Conant

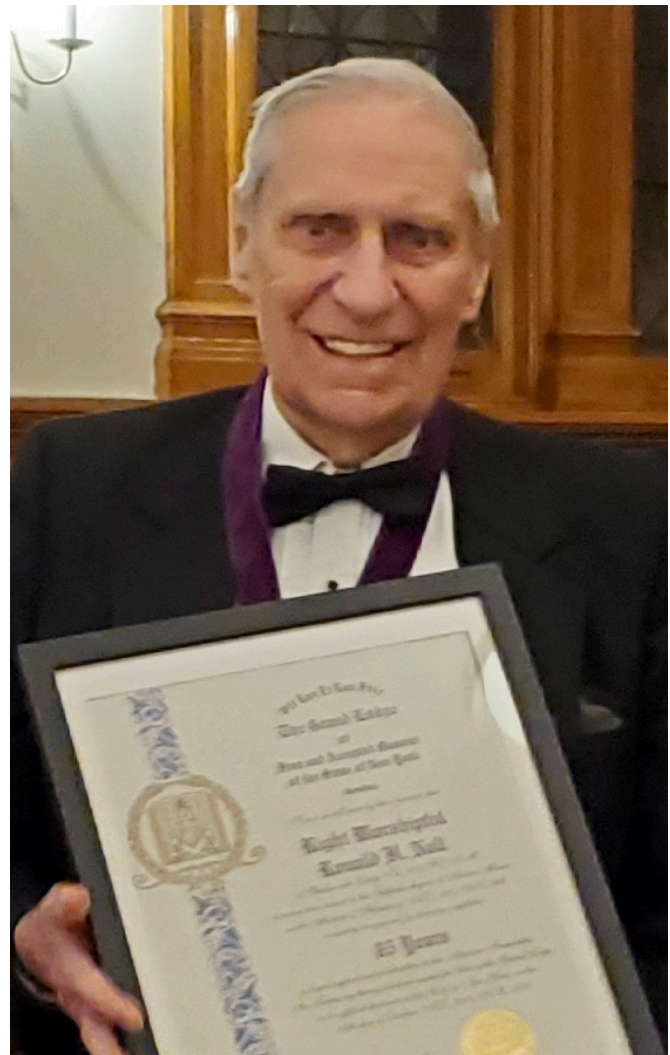
Oh my Lord, this make me very sad, Brother Noll what a great brother, accomplished man and helped a lot of brothers .He was the one who interviewed me, introduced me to the brethren and sent my petition to Wadsworth lodge #417. He was there through all my degrees .Please send my deepest condolences to his family .May he lay his working tools , his soul rest in peace and be received by T.:G.:A.:O.:T.:U.: in that lodge not made by hand but in heaven. - Best Regards, Daniel Chedid.

May you rest in Peace my Dear Brother. - Alan Druckman

I am very sorry to learn of this great loss. I remember Ron for his dedication and hard work. - Charles Semowich

God bless Brother Ron, he's in our prayers. - Louis Emory

Ron~A Very Nice Gentleman and Honorable 33° Brother Mason. A Great Guy! Ron was always congenial and very well informed in all Masonic aspects. A 60 Year Mason! God Bless, My Brother. Rest in Peace. - Bernie Maskell.



Pool Tournament

The first meeting of 2024 brought ten brothers and three friends together to squared off for the coveted Ebenezer Trophy and to raise money for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. This tournament had the special atmosphere of having three two-time winners, brothers Ken White, Ken Brown and Paul Baum vying for the top bragging rights.

As usual, the play was very competitive with our “friends” showing some serious abilities. Many of the games were down to the last 9 ball. The dreaded “I’m out of here” award went to “Smilin’” Tim Martin, who took the first elimination of the evening. Defending champ, Ken Brown got off to a slow start, while last year’s runner up Ken White sailed to the semis as did Paul Baum.

Brendan O’Keefe showed some fortitude as he fought back in the loser’s bracket to face his nemesis Jerry McCall who got off to his usual deliberate pace but fell to Cullen Kasunic. This put Jerry against Brendan in a revenge match that Brendan won. In the meantime, Ken Brown just wasn’t feeling it and went down fast. “Friend” Dan Hillman showed he was a player and gave several brothers their evening elimination ticket.

As the evening moved on it came down to previous champs White and Baum squaring off to become the first three time champion. White employed an object ball placing strategy that required Baum to get up on his aching foot and walk to the other side of the table to play his shot. White did this all during the game as Baum grunted continuously. It was either a great strategy to wear Paul out or a show of terrible play on Ken’s part. It was to no avail as Paul was able to use his long-time strategy of sinking a combo shot of the nine ball to get the win faster. This sent Ken down to the lower bracket to face “Hot” Dan Hillman for an elimination match that Ken won to get back to facing Paul for the crucial rematch. With the “Ebenezer” looking down from the mantle, despite Ken using the long shot placement for Paul, Paul was victorious with his own style making another 9-ball combo for the win.

Congratulations Paul Baum
Three-time Ebenezer Champion!

Many thanks to all that competed. Special salutes to Emanuel, Bruce Susser, Andy Groff, Tim Martin, Paul Bailey, and Worshipful Master Rob Emory.

Special Wadsworth Culinary Kudos to Lady Heather Emory for her delicious chocolate bunt cake! The absolute best!!

Respectfully submitted.
The Pool Committee



Rob Emory presenting Ebenezer Trophy to Paul Baum

Pool Tournament



Parting Shots

Brothers with Birthdays from December to March

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| Jeromy J. Barton | February 11, 1987 | John E. Haight | December 19, 1955 |
| Paul Baum | December 28, 1958 | B. Robert Joel III | January 23, 1956 |
| Nicholas J. Blais | January 5, 1990 | Edward S. Kosinski | January 19, 1945 |
| Kyle Dain Buckingham | December 25, 1982 | Alfred Krueger Jr. | December 11, 1933 |
| Clifford W. Coughlin | April 22, 1946 | Bernard Maskell Jr. | December 4, 1950 |
| Mikey J. Dady | February 10, 1976 | John L. Miller | January 27, 1959 |
| Alan P. Druckman | January 25, 1946 | Roger Alan Murphy | January 21, 1966 |
| Edwin W. Engelhardt | February 25, 1937 | William S. Panitch | February 6, 1954 |
| James M. Fuller | February 1, 1958 | Bruce Susser | December 29, 1956 |
| Thomas J. Goodfellow III | January 1, 1950 | Kenneth M. White | January 26, 1955 |

If your birthday does not appear in the list we apologize, but it is because we do not have the correct information in our records. Please contact Paul with your birth date.