

THE WADSWORTH SIDELINER

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

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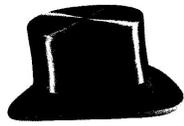
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UNDER THE MASTERS HAT

Thank you all for the continuing support you have shown to Wadsworth Lodge this year. I believe we have had some memorable programs that have been well received by those in attendance. The Third Annual Table Lodge on January 19, 2008 was a rousing success judging from the reports I have received. There were approximately sixty (60) Brothers in attendance, including W.: Kenneth R. Sheldon, Jr. and five Brothers from Moosup Lodge, Moosup, Connecticut, W.: Bill Hendricks of Capital City Lodge (Prince Hall), W.: John Willoughby from Royal Arch Lodge, New York City, R.: W.: Richard Dzembo and V.: W.: Jason Dzembo, that enjoyed an evening of fraternal friendship, education and harmless amusement while raising over \$1,200.00 for the Grand Lodge Benevolence Fund. The theme for the evening was the Birth of Freemasonry explored in the context of a three act play set in Atlantis. We enjoyed beautiful scenery painted by our resident artist, Amy Nichol, that featured an erupting volcano. I hope you will treasure your commemorative charging glass as much as I will treasure my memories of this evening. My thanks go out to the following Brothers: V.: W.: Ray Gaul, W.: Dave Neidrauer (Van Rensselaer Lodge), Bro. Dennis Helmes (Van Rensselaer Lodge), V.: W.: Henry Diehm (Van Rensselaer Lodge), Bro. Ben Froggett, Bro. Ed Kosinski; Bro. Bruce Susser, Bro. Dave Jurkowski, R.: W.: Ron Noll, W.: Charles Poltenson, Bro. Cullen Kasunic, Bro. Bob Fickies, Bro. Donovan White and Bro. Roy Stock (Ancient Temple Lodge). You all did an exceptional job and went well beyond what could have been reasonably expected of you. Each of you is a true Brother who has the respect and gratitude of Wadsworth Lodge for a job well done.

I invite you all to come out this Spring Season when we will raise seven new brothers. Please refer to the Trestle Board in this issue for the schedule of events. No, it is not a misprint. We will have two nights dedicated to the raising of our new Brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

A hearty thank you is extended to the Brothers who gave of their time to support the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Program during the Christmas Season. The Salvation Army was very appreciative of the volunteer efforts made by the Albany District Masons in helping to provide for the many thousands of people they serve who are less fortunate than we are. I am

very proud to report that Wadsworth Lodge was one of the leading Lodges with respect to the number of Brothers who participated in this program.

March 12, 2008 will be the date R.:W.: Peter Kermani, our District Deputy Grand Master, will make his official visit to Wadsworth Lodge. Please mark your calendars and plan to be present to support our District Deputy Grand Master. (Announcement Included)

Finally, the Albany Masonic Hall now has a theater troupe in-residence. **Confetti Stage, Inc.** will use the fourth floor of the Albany Masonic Hall as a venue for five performances during the 2008 calendar year. Volunteers are needed to act as Building Ambassadors to give tours to the theater patrons, answer questions about the Craft, operate the elevator and be a presence in the Hall before and after the performances. My Brothers, this will be terrific exposure for our beautiful building and our beloved fraternity. Since this project was the brain child of your Worshipful Master, I would greatly appreciate any assistance you can give to this important endeavor. Please see me for more details and to sign up to assist at one or more of the performances. <http://www.confettistage.com/>

I look forward to seeing you all during the next several months of our Masonic season. If you have any comments, concerns or special needs, please let me and your lodge know about them. We are always ready to help in any way we can.

Sincerely and fraternally,
John W. Scott

Let us at all times remember that all American citizens are brothers of a common country, and should dwell together in bonds of fraternal feelings.

Abraham Lincoln

2008 LODGE DUES

Brethren, please remit your dues at your earliest opportunity. 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.

In the By-laws of Wadsworth Lodge revised November 2000, Article V, Section 1 states "The Annual Lodge Dues and Life Membership shall be \$37.50 plus any Grand Lodge dues, payable in advance by the first Stated Communication in December of each year." If there is a hardship for which a brother is unable to pay his dues, 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. Your lodge is required to pay the Grand Lodge dues as long as you are carried on books.

In keeping with the practice that was established by the Grand Lodge several years ago, Wadsworth Lodge will continue to remit the Lodge Dues on behalf of those Brothers who are shown to be on **Active Military Duty** as of January 1, 2008. There is a procedure for applying for this remittance, and any brother who is on active duty who wants to apply for this remittance of their dues must communicate with Brother Tim Martin, Secretary, 7 Burtonwood Place, Delmar, NY, 12054.

A NEW WADSWORTH WEB SITE

<http://wadsworth417.albanymasonry.org/>

A NEW DISTRICT MASONIC WEB SITE

<http://home.nycap.rr.com/albanymasons/>

TRESTLE BOARD

Wadsworth Lodge Communications 2007-2008

February 13, 2008	Masonry and the Civil War Program
February 27, 2008	Fellowcraft Degree: Officer Move-up Night
March 12, 2008	District Deputy Visit
March 26, 2008	Master Mason Degree
April 9, 2008	Master Mason Degree
April 23, 2008	Annual Reports from the Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees
May 14, 2008	Master's Report; Election, Appointment and Installation of Officers

****UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, OFFICERS WEAR TUXEDOS AT ALL LODGE MEETINGS, AND ALL LODGE MEETINGS ARE PRECEDED BY A LIGHT DINNER AT 6:30pm AND FOLLOWED BY A COLLATION****

District Deputy Visits

R.: W.: Peter Kermani will make his official visits as follows:

March 12 th	Wadsworth Lodge #417
March 27 th	Van Rensselaer Lodge #87
April 28 th	Masters Lodge #5

District-Wide Masonic Events

March 2, 2008	District Bowling Tournament
April 19-20, 2008	State Bowling Tournament
April 26-27, 2008	State Bowling Tournament
May 5-6, 2008	Grand Lodge Communication
May 10, 2008	District Widow's Luncheon
May 12, 2008	District Blood Drive at the Albany Masonic Hall, 1:00PM-6:00PM
May 21, 2008	District Graveyard Memorial Service
TBA	Investiture Service

Masters & Wardens Meetings

Guttenberg Lodge	March 14, 2008
Noah Lodge	April 11, 2008
Berne Lodge	June 6, 2008

That Masons are builders can be seen by the name ... By teaching men the doctrines of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, together with the many lessons drawn from, and daily application to the activities of life, deep foundations are laid upon which loftiest character must stand. When brotherly love, relief and truth really enter into the fiber of a man's being, there is little room for the selfish and the debased. His instincts and his aspirations are toward the uplift that comes from a joyful service to mankind. That

I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

is demonstrated in every avenue of life whether I am ready to concede it or not ... Service and sacrifice are the crucible in which the base metals of greed, avarice, and selfishness are left as the dross of life. If thy brother would have thee go with him one mile, that is thy duty. When to this is added gladly, a second mile, that is a blessed privilege. Masonry puts into a man's breast

THE SWEET SERVICE OF THE SECOND MILE

Masonry's mission, therefore, to the individual is to uplift his character and establish a nobler manhood.

Owen Scott

Brotherhood Fund

Please set aside a portion of your charitable donation funds for participation in the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Your donations to the Masonic Programs supported through the Brotherhood Fund make our fraternity one of the best in the world! Wadsworth Lodge is one of the most outstanding Lodges in the Albany Masonic District for fellowship, ritual and the strength of character of our members. Let us try to make it **the** outstanding Lodge in our district this year with respect to the percentage of giving to the Brotherhood Fund.

If you have any questions, please contact your Brotherhood Chairman, Bro. Edward Kosinski (434-8425; edjokos@msn.com).

Fraternally and Sincerely
Edward Kosinski
Wadsworth Lodge #417 Brotherhood Chairman

Here is my Creed. I believe in one God, Creator of the Universe. That he governs it by his Providence. That he ought to be worshiped. That the most acceptable service we render him is doing good to his other children. That the soul of man is immortal and will be treated with justice in another life respecting its conduct in this.

Brother Benjamin Franklin

PARTING SHOTS

Birthdays: The following brothers will be celebrating birthdays in the coming months:

FEBRUARY

Robert Charles Antenucci, 2/4/07; **Frederick John Castiglione**, 2/27/07; **Edwin W. Engelhardt**, 2/25/37; **Clair J. Miller**, 2/29/28; **William S. Panitch**, 2/6/07; and **Calvin J. Susser**, 2/13/07.

MARCH

Harold J. Clark, 3/17/07; **William H. Conroy, Jr.**, 3/8/07; **Ralph Edgell**, 3/2/07; **Frederick L. Fuller**, 3/3/07; **Thomas P. Fuller**, 3/7/07; **John G. Guile**, 3/22/07; **Kevin Lloyd Hubbley**, 3/24/07; **Donald D. Kingston**, 3/6/07; **Jerome A. McCall**, 3/28/07; **Mark B. Monroe**, 3/13/07; **Donald C. Moore**, 3/3/07; **Robert E. Murphy**, 3/13/07; **Joseph J. Olbrych**, 3/5/07; and **Kenneth H. Rouse**, 3/18/07.

APRIL

Christian N. Abele, 4/29/38; **John D. DeNuccio, Jr.**, 4/11/25; **Michael R. Gammans**, 4/28/07; **Ward R. Jones, Jr.**, 4/18/31; **David G. Keiski**, 4/19/07; **John G. Milsop**, 4/21/07; **Murry J. Mitkoff**, 4/16/07; **Carl F. Rymski, III**, 4/8/07; and **Atlee Philip Warner**, 4/8/07.

Finally, I apologize if I have missed your birthday. If I did, it is because the Lodge membership list contains incorrect information for you. Please correct this by speaking with our Secretary, Tim Martin.

Communicate! Please communicate sickness and distress and /or glad tidings. Brothers, we will never be able to share in your joy or give support to our Brothers, their Widows and Orphans, unless we communicate. Harmony is the support of all institutions, especially this of ours.

Volunteers: The volunteer cleaning program is being reinstated and we will need volunteers who have some time on one Saturday every month to help with cleaning and maintenance of our Masonic Hall. If anyone wants to donate some time to this cause, please contact **Mike Gammans (869-6638)**. This effort helps keep the Masonic Hall beautiful. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. **Please call** before you come down on any Saturday, since the cleaning dates have not been set. This announcement is intended to gauge the level of participation that can be expected in the future.

News Articles: Wadsworth Lodge is always looking for news articles to be published in future newsletters. Please send them to the Secretary or Master.

Move Recently? If you have moved recently be sure to let our Secretary know your new address. We save a lot of time and effort by updating our mailing lists as the changes occur. Also, please up-date your membership information with our Secretary by providing him with new telephone numbers and email addresses. We will save money and time if we can distribute the Sideline and other notices electronically to those Brothers whose addresses we have on record. Please consider up-dating your membership information when you remit your 2007 dues.

WORDS

This evening, I am going to talk about words in our Ritual whose meaning may not be fully understood. For the purpose of this message, I am going to select only those words with which I have had difficulty and since I have been a Mason for 45 years, this includes a rather large number. What I am admitting is that in the past, I have been as guilty as anyone of skipping over the meaning of Masonic words with which I was not familiar; or worse trying to guess their meaning from the surrounding words. For the reflective Mason, this should never be done. It demeans our efforts and prevents us from fully understanding the tenets of the Craft.

However, recently as I have studied our ritual, if I was not 100% sure about the meaning of a word I have looked it up in the dictionary or some other Masonic reference book. I know this takes extra time, but after all, how can we properly communicate a passage of work if we are not confident we know the meaning of the words in that passage, as well as the context in which they are used? Our ritual tells us that “thus through a succession of ages are transmitted unimpaired the tenets of our Institution.” The tenets of our Institution are impaired when their meaning is not fully understood by everyone.

In my message this evening, the sources I have used are either Webster's Dictionary or Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences Comprising the whole Range of Arts, Sciences and Literature as Connected with the Institution. If you are not familiar with this terrific reference book, it is in two volumes and covers just about everything you will ever need to know about the Craft. It is available from Amazon.

As an example of what I am about to do, let's begin with the instruction the Worshipful Master gives before balloting. “You must not allow personal prejudices or private piques and grudges to influence your ballot.” What is a pique? You may think you know but are you really sure? It is an offense. You might have been able to guess this meaning from the context in which it is used, but when you are certain you will know that you are being instructed that your vote should not be influenced by some insignificant offense done to you some time in the past by a potential candidate. This is a private pique and it is important to the foundation of Freemasonry that its meaning be understood by all.

Now that you have the idea, here we go. At the end of the closing prayer the Worshipful Master says: “may brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.” I want to call your attention to the importance of the word virtue, because while you may think you understand its meaning, it has many. In the context of the closing prayer, it is an action; may every moral and social action cement us, but its meaning changes as one proceeds through the Standard Work. Just be aware of this and make sure you understand its full meaning every time you see it used.

In the First Degree Scripture Lesson, reference is made to Aaron. Aaron was Moses' brother. There were three mountains of Zion upon which the city of Jerusalem was built. In the obligation you swear you will not indite. Indite in this context means to dictate, not to indite someone for a crime. “With the command to each of its votaries;” a votary is one who is devoted by a vow or a promise which certainly describes the Entered Apprentice who has just taken his obligation at the Altar.

You probably have a pretty good idea of what a libertine is from the context in which it is used, but did you know that its original meaning was as a free religious thinker. In the context of Masonry, this would be a person who did not believe in God. Today though, a libertine is a person of loose morals. Both have significance to us in the Craft.

In the apron presentation we hear “more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle and when worthily worn more honorable than the Star and Garter.” Mackey states that this is a

comparison with certain decorations of honor to which the apron was compared. The ancient Romans felt the eagle was a sign of Imperial power. The Order of the Golden Fleece was as high an honor as an Order of Knighthood. The Order of the Garter was and still is considered the highest decoration that can be bestowed upon a subject by a sovereign of Great Britain. Thus, in this passage, our Masonic apron is proudly compared to the noblest decorations of both ancient Rome and modern Europe.

To continue in the Apron Presentation: "Jewels fit to grace the diadem of an Eastern Potentate." A diadem is a crown. Your "enfranchised spirit" is a spirit that has been set free. Set free for what? To hopefully achieve the joy of thy Lord or immortality. In this presentation, we also have the first reference to the phrase "rectitude of conduct." Those who have followed my messages over the years know that I have spent a great deal of time talking about this most important Masonic tenet. It means of the highest moral standard and in reality refers back to the word "virtue" in the closing prayer. Rectitude of conduct is virtue. Virtue is rectitude of conduct. Virtue requires conduct which meets the highest moral standard. Our Masonic words do indeed have many powerful meanings.

"Superfluities of life" are an abundance of something such as money or material possessions. The common gavel reminds us to divest ourselves of the superfluities of life. The stone from which the Temple of Solomon was built was conveyed to Jappa. Jappa was a city about forty miles from Jerusalem and in its day served as a main seaport. In the Historical Lecture, we hear the phrase "approbation of the Almighty". Approbation is approval. When we are admonished about something, we are warned about it. A "tessellated" border is one which is checkered. In the 2nd degree we hear "that we are traveling upon the Level of Time to that undiscovered country from whose Bourne no traveler returns." A Bourne is a destination.

In the Middle Chamber Lecture, we hear about the vicissitudes and inclemencies of seasons. Vicissitudes are changes. "Salutary and beneficent purposes." Salutary is a successful outcome. A pilaster is a type of column. "Logic is that science which teaches us to form clear and distinct ideas and prevents us from being misled by similitude or resemblances. A similitude is a parable or an allegory. An "emulous" desire is one you want to equal or imitate. A "resistless current" is a stream which in the context of the passage from the Middle Chamber Lecture in which it is used, is the stream which leads to immortality. "In the uprearing of that spiritual fabric wherein his soul shall find rest forever and forever more." Uprearing means to exalt. In the exaltation "of that spiritual fabric wherein his soul shall find rest forever and forever more."

In the 3rd degree Historical Lecture who is Ornan the Jebusite? "...which was visible over the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite." The first name for Jerusalem was Jebes. Ornan was the owner of the threshing floor where David built the Temple of Solomon. The threshing floor was a large area which was especially prepared for the threshing of corn. It was large, hard and flat; thus the perfect place for the Temple of Solomon.

I could go on in this manner for another hour, but I will not. What I have tried to accomplish this evening is to take Masonic words for which we all think we know the definition and be specific as to their meaning. We should never leave anything to chance because this leads to the possibility of the misunderstanding of our tenets. You will notice that with few exceptions I have chosen words which are not in code. This is on purpose. If you meet a word that is in code and do not understand its meaning; look it up too or ask someone. Ask me. I have Mackey's and will be happy to share it with you. The most important thing to remember is that ours is a living ritual which will mean so much more to you as you reflect upon it if you understand fully the connotation of every single word. Do not guess! You could be wrong and this will lead you in a direction you do not want to go. Be certain! Reflect! Understand!

Thank you so very much my brothers.



Wadsworth Lodge No. 417 F. & A. M.
Masonic Temple
Albany, N. Y.

February 6, 2008



*The Brethren of Wadsworth Lodge No. 417 Request
the Honor of Your Presence at the Filed Visitation of
Right Worshipful Brother Peter R. Kermani
District Deputy Grand Master of the Albany District
Representing the Most Worshipful, Neal J. Bidnick
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.*

*To take place at the Albany Masonic Temple
on Wednesday, March 12, 2008*

Delegations received at 7:30 p.m.

Reception and Dinner in the Ground Floor Dining Hall

W.:. John W. Scott, Master

*Entrée of Ham or Kosher Chicken, Adjacent to Tangy Scalloped Potatoes
with Complementing Vegetable and Salad \$10.00*

*6:30 p.m. Dinner Reservations Appreciated by March 10
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