

THE WADSWORTH SIDELINER

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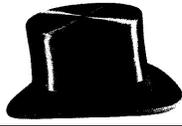
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UNDER THE MASTERS HAT

HEALTH AND BUSINESS PERMITTING

This will probably be the last issue of the Sideliner for this Masonic season. I want to start by thanking everyone for your support and help this past year. The year has been challenging and fun. We have had some very good programs and we have accomplished a lot in the name of our beloved Craft. However, attendance at meetings is becoming a pressing issue, since there has been a noticeable decline in the number of Brothers present at the regular stated communications of our Lodge. At our last two meetings, which were degree nights, we had almost no one in the sidelines and the chairs were not filled. I can not identify the reason for this unfortunate development and no one has offered any explanation.

**“Fm, I d p & s tt I w an & ob al d sns & rg smss snt t m f th
b o a j & d cns L of M Ms, or hd m b a wy Br of ths dg, if
wthn th ln of m ct & th sq & agl of m wk.”**

Does this quote serve to refresh your recollection about the importance of regular attendance at meetings? I believe this is one of the most important ties of our several

obligations. Ritual can be improved through practice; regalia and Lodge furniture can be purchased; and candidates can be permitted to be initiated, passed and raised if found worthy and well qualified. However, all of this is for naught if the Brothers of the Lodge decide that attendance at meetings is no longer a necessary and important part of their lives. Furthermore, if attendance is lacking, it makes it that much harder to induce the Officers to work up to their full potential and to entice new Brothers to be regular in their attendance at an apparently failing Lodge.

I have had the pleasure lately to study the Masonic Ritual as preformed by Lodges under the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. In that tradition, after the new Brother is raised he is presented with a Master Mason apron. In the Investiture of the Apron the Brother is reminded that “True dignity and honour can be best maintained by a faithful study of our Art, by an earnest endeavor to do your part in the great work of Freemasonry ...” Thereafter, the Master Mason Charge teaches the Brother that his part in the great work of Freemasonry is the following: “In the character of a Master Mason, you are henceforth authorized to warn the younger Brethren against conduct tending to any breach of fidelity, and to bring all irregular work into conformity with the general plan of Freemasonry. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the propriety of your own behavior, to afford the best example for the conduct of others.”

The foregoing teaches me that the role of a Master Mason is to be present at Lodge meetings and to act as a mentor to our newer members. After all, the mature Brothers and Past Masters are the true elder statesmen of the Lodge who are in the best position by virtue of their experience to help all of our Brothers to become proficient in the work of Freemasonry, and to make sure that the ritual and governance of the Lodge is not perverted by accident or design. In this way only can you “imitate the example of that true and trusty Craftsman who you once represented and endeavour to convince the world that merit alone has been your title to our confidence, and that on you our privileges have been deservedly bestowed.”

I hope this message will encourage you all to attend Lodge and the several events scheduled for the remainder of our Masonic year. The Past Masters Dinner is scheduled for May 2nd; the District Widows Luncheon is on Saturday, May 10th; a blood drive will be held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, May 12th from 1:00 to 6:00PM; the Master’s Report and the Election and Installation of Officers will be held during our May 14th Stated Communication; the Sideliners Dinner will be held on May 16th at Mallozzi’s Clubhouse; and the District Memorial Service will be at Albany Rural Cemetery and the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, May 21st. You have all received separate mailings for most of these events, and I direct your attention to the additional information about these opportunities that is contained in this issue of the Sideliner. I will only say that these are important events in the life of our Lodge. I encourage all of you to please attend as many as possible for the betterment of our Lodge and to strengthen the social and fraternal bonds of affection that cement us.

Finally, everyone is encouraged to attend the district-wide educational opportunities this summer, such as the Road to the East course and the Leadership Development course, and to continue your self-study and reflection during the summer months. Choose a part of our ritual and learn it so you can step up and become more involved next season. Officers are also expected to learn their respective parts and the

work of the Chair in front of them. This way we will always be assured a smooth transition in case of vacancies and an orderly annual progression of officers.

Enjoy your quiet time. I look forward to seeing you around the quarry this summer and in Lodge next fall when we resume our labors.

Sincerely and fraternally,
John W. Scott

2007 LODGE DUES

Brethren, you have received your 2007 dues notice. To those of you who have paid your current dues, thank you. If you have not yet paid your dues, please remit your dues payment 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.

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 2008

April 23, 2008	Annual Reports from the Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees
May 14, 2008	Master's Report; Election, Appointment and Installation of Officers Program
May 28, 2008	Masonry and the Civil War

****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:

April 28th Masters Lodge #5 with the Grand Master in attendance

District-Wide Masonic Events

May 5-6, 2008
May 10, 2008
May 12, 2008
May 21, 2008
June 7, 2008

Grand Lodge Communication
District Widow's Luncheon
District Blood Drive at the Albany Masonic Hall, 1:00PM-6:00PM
District Graveyard Memorial Service
Investiture Service

Masters & Wardens Meeting

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June 6, 2008

Brotherhood Fund

My Brothers,

By now everyone should have received letters asking for your help with the Brotherhood Fund. If you have not received my mailing please contact me at 518- 465-6871 or at edjokos@msn.com.

If you haven't already, please take time now and fill out your contribution envelope before it is forgotten. **Remember no contribution is too small.**

This is the perfect time of the year to make your contribution "In Memory" of or " In Honor" of if you choose to do so, just fill out the information on the envelope and an acknowledgment card will be sent to the person you request.

Fraternally and Sincerely
Edward Kosinski
Lodge #417
Brotherhood Chairman

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love.
He who seeks to draw Masonic wages
in gold and silver
will be disappointed.

The wages of a Mason
are in the dealings with one another;
sympathy begets sympathy,
kindness begets kindness,
helpfulness begets helpfulness,
and these are the wages of a Mason."

Brother Benjamin Franklin

When Is A Man A Mason?

by Joseph Fort Newton

When is a man a Mason?

When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon

with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things,
and yet have faith, hope, and courage.

When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself,

and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man.

When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins —

knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds.

When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself.

When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child.

When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life.

When star-crowned trees and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters

subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead.

When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response.

When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of higher things,

and to see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be.

When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something besides mud,
and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin.
When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope.
When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God;
in his hand a sword to battle evil, in his heart a bit of a song —
glad to live, but not afraid to die!
In such a man, whether he be rich or poor, scholarly or unlearned, famous or obscure,
Masonry has wrought her sweet message!
Such a man has found the only real secret of Masonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world.

PARTING SHOTS

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

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.

MAY

Daniel N. Chedid, 5/16/79; **Kenneth V. Moore**, 5/9/49; and **Lawrence B. Murphy**, 5/27/60.

JUNE

Wilfred Baumann, 6/7/29; **Steven M. Conant**, 6/24/58; **Bruce N. Hazard**, 6/3/49; **Jean R. Karm**, 6/10/58; **Alan S. Lasker**, 6/27/49; **Gary A. Loeb**, 6/25/54; **Lansing TenEyck, III**, 6/21/49; and **Brian K. Whitaker**, 6/14/61.

JULY

Kenneth H. Ahsmuhs, 7/17/23; **Michael S. Drooker**, 7/20/42; **Frederick Gillespie**, 7/10/28; **Douglas C. Hays**, 7/13/47; **Timothy M. Martin**, 7/2/47; and **John W. Scott**, 7/16/55.

AUGUST

Victor K. Caldwell, 8/22/55; **Alan C. Garrison**, 8/14/54; **Stephen J. Garry**, 8/23/62; **Raymond H. Gaul**, 8/1/49; **Charles W. Haner**, 8/13/36; **Geoffrey T. Hoderath**, 8/22/57; **Stephen S. King**, 8/30/50; **Howard A. Schoonmaker, II**, 8/14/49; and **Leroy P. Stevens**, 8/18/50.

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

Soap Box Derby: This event will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2008. The race course will once again be on Madison Avenue in front of the State Museum. There will be a large contingent of Masonic cars in the race. Please come out to show your support for this event. For further information, please call R.W. Ron Noll (783-1898) or W. John W. Scott (283-1168)

Membership: Brethren please help your Lodge get Membership Petitions so we can increase our Lodge Membership with more good men. I anticipate that Wadsworth Lodge will have seven new Brothers at the conclusion of the Masonic season in May-June, 2008. Lets all keep up the good work!!

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.

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 Sideliner 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.

**HOPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL HAVE A HEALTHY AND
ENJOYABLE SUMMER SEASON.**

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