

THE WADSWORTH SIDELINER

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

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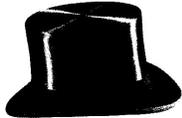
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UNDER THE MASTERS HAT

Please become an active member and do your part to support all the lodge functions. Otherwise, like other lodges, Wadsworth Lodge will be just another memory.

Remember, "Work Today for a Better Tomorrow."

This last month we said good bye to a wonderful friend and brother. One of the pillars of our lodge has been broken with the loss of R.: W.: Kenneth R. Mosher, Jr. This is a difficult issue to edit since Ken made the demand of me as Entered Apprentice, obligated me a Master Mason and started me on the road to the East.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Communicate! 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.

Gerry Irwin's wife Pat was diagnosed with cancer. She was operated on and is undergoing chemo therapy. The prognosis is good.

Brethren please remember the following Brothers in your prayers and pray to the most holy and glorious Lord God, the Great Architect of the Universe, for a speedy and complete recovery.

GLAD TIDINGS

Bill Ogren biopsy report was encouraging. He still needs periodic chemo and surgical checks, but things look good.

Wyman Soule had his pacemaker replaced and his son reports that he is spryer with his heart working better.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF BOTHER MOSHER

R.: W.: Kenneth D. Mosher Jr.

Ken Mosher was born August 19, 1928 and has lived his entire life in the Albany Capital District. He lived with his wife Anne in the Town of Bethlehem, NY and was the father of four children; Kenneth III, Stephenie, Jane, and Pamela. He was also the grandfather of Danielle Bentley. He attended The Milne School, Union College and received a Bachelor of Science from the College of Saint Rose.



Ken was a graduate of the General Electric Apprentice Design Program and retired after 49 years as a Manager in the Power Generation Division. In addition to pursuing a career with the General Electric Company, he was an instructor in adult education in the Schenectady School System. He also volunteered extensive hours of time to various community organizations, including Little League, Red Cross Water Safety, Boy Scouts of America and Tomboys Softball.

Ken served as a Non-Commission Officer in the 416th Military Police Company during the Korean War and was Honorably Discharged after his tour of duty in the United States Army. He was a member of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post #1040.

Ken's Masonic career started as a youth, becoming a member of William D. Goewey Chapter, The Order of DeMolay.

Ken presented his petition at the age of 21 and was raised in James Ten Eyck Lodge #831, December 6, 1949, and became Master of James Ten Eyck Lodge in 1963. In 1977 he was Master for the second time to advocate and persevere the consolidations of James Ten Eyck and Wadsworth Lodges to its conclusion. He was also a member of Bethlehem Lodge No. 85. He was presented his Purple Apron as the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Alaska near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York on April 13, 2005. He was the Master for Wadsworth Lodge No.417 during 2005.

Ken was a member of the Cyprus Shrine #5, A.A.N.O.M.S. and its Albany County Shrine Club.

He was a past Vice President of Albany Masonic District Master and Wardens Association, a Charter member of The Capitol District Masonic Association and a member of The Albany District Degree Team. Ken was a Dad and Financial supervisor while his three daughters were members of Needa - Bah Triangle, Organization of Triangles State of New York. In addition, Ken was active in other Masonic related organizations.

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| Degree of Entered Apprentice: | October 25, 1949 |
| Degree of Fellowcraft: | November 8, 1949 |
| Sublime Degree of Master Mason: | December 6, 1949 |
| Entered the Supreme Lodge on High | September 6, 2009 |

AROUND THE DISTRICT

CHIP

Correction to the last edition there will be no event at fort hunter this year. There was a half day event at the Walk for Dyslexia on September 26.

Cyprus shrine has asked Bill to conduct a Child I.D. on October 16 at a Screening Clinic at the Albany Bone and Joint Center, 1367 Washington Ave. Children will be examined by a Medical Team from the Children's Hospital, Springfield, MA. There may be as many as 50 children there so it will be a great opportunity to I.D. a large number of children. The clinic will last from 08:00 until 4:00p.m. If you have any questions or want to volunteer please give Bill a call.

| SCHEDULE OF VISITS BY DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER DAVID HARRIS | |
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| Lodge | Date |
| Berne | October 1, 2009 |
| Noah | October 27, 2009 |
| Bethlehem | November 17, 2009 |
| Mt. Vernon | December 7, 2009 |

There is no Masters and Wardens meeting in October. The next will be on November 18 at Bethlehem Lodge No. 85.

Instead of the Masters and Wardens meeting on October 21, there will be the Grand Lecturer's Convention instead. The subject this year is parts of the Hiramic Legend.

October 3 – Empire DeMolay Installation of Officers support our youth with your presence.

October 4 – Livingston Library is presenting the Knights Templar evidence exhibit at the Latham Lodge.

October 11 – 12:30 Football at the Temple

October 14 – Rockettes Christmas show cost is \$125 act quickly this one sells out fast.

October 17 – Tour of the Masonic Care Facility in Utica bus leaves from Van Rensselaer at 9:00, lunch will be provided.

November 7 – 12 Noon to 3 PM - Operation Open Door - The lodges in the District will be opening their doors to acquaint the public with who we are. Many of the lodges are having CHIP programs. Noah is putting on their Fall Roast beef Dinner. The Temple will be open for tours and the blue loge and concordant bodies will be in the various rooms to answer questions.

December 12 – 7:00 The River Rats game at the Times Union Center if there is more than fifteen people the cost is \$13. In the unlikely event the head count is less than fifteen the cost is \$17.

BELL RINGING

This year the Salvation Army has cut back on the days and locations. One of the reasons that we have rung bells in the past is now the reason for cutting back the program. In the past our volunteering meant not having to hire people at minimum wage to do the work and add to the overhead. This year they feel that with people out of work it is better to hire people for the purpose of bell ringing. They had also wanted us to ring bells during the summer. However Dennis with the concurrence of David Harris politely declined.

We have volunteered for the indoor position at J.C.Penney at Crossgates. Here is the schedule:

| Times\Dates | November 28 | December 5 | December 12 | December 19 |
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| 12-1 | | | | |
| 1-2 | | | | |
| 2-3 | | | | |
| 3-4 | | | | |
| 4-5 | | | | |

POET'S CORNER

In keeping with remembering Ken here is the poem presented at his apron presentation:

R.: W.: Kenneth D. Mosher Jr.
Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alaska

Tonight is something special for a brother and a friend,
Surrounded by a group of guests who've chosen to attend.
No man has waited longer nor deserved this honor more.
Now you follow in the footsteps of your father gone before.

You were raised a Master Mason within these very walls,
And walked among the giants who used to fill the halls.
Blue Lodge and Masonic youth are projects near your heart
You have given them your all and played an active part.

A husband, dad and brother more than equal to the task,
You're always there to lend a hand to any who would ask.
You labored in the quarries and gave the Craft so much.
Wadsworth Lodge is ever richer, having felt the Mosher touch

A life of work has made this day; you made the upward climb.
You've served for over 50 years, an awesome span of time.
Two Grand Masters came tonight and a future one as well.
They've come to share this time of joy, a tale you'll often tell.

Tonight fulfills a dream you've had and one you view with pride.
Our guests from Prince Hall Lodges are gathered by your side.
The fellowship we've shared has truly marked the day.
We're forming bonds of brotherhood that never go away.

You've always been a leader who did the best you could.
As a wearer of the purple, feel the pride, as well you should.
You will wear Alaska's apron, and you won't forget this day,
For your work has earned this honor that will never go away.

Written By
R.: W.: William E. Ogren

TALE OF THE RING

This is the tale that inspired the column it appeared in John Scott's October 2007 Sideliner:

THE TEST **Author unknown**

Several years ago, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip and when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount."

Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver with a smile replied, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a really almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it is at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it is a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

TRESTLE BOARD FOR COMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS ISSUE

October 14 – Past Masters First Degree we have four candidates for our Fall season.

October 28 – Awards Night this year our entertainment will be part of our dessert. It is being provided by the Empire State Youth Orchestra Percussion Ensemble “it is way more than a drum set”. Join us we honor some of our long standing brothers.

November 11 – Fellowcraft Degree

PARTING SHOTS

| BIRTHDAYS THAT OCCURRED IN SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER | | | |
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| NAME | BIRTHDAY | NAME | BIRTHDAY |
| Harry Odabashian | November 19, 1916 | William F. Murray | November 14, 1952 |
| Donald R. Munro Jr | September 19, 1917 | Richard D. Harvey | September 18, 1957 |
| John S. Bakke | September 13, 1920 | Donald R. Morrell Jr | November 20, 1960 |
| Donald F. Hillmann | September 30, 1922 | Andrew M. Barrell | October 16, 1964 |
| Jack Brodie | October 17, 1924 | Jeremy W. Clauser | November 12, 1974 |
| Luther H. Dyer Jr | November 23, 1924 | David W. Jurkowski | November 24, 1974 |
| Walter E. Rawlings | November 25, 1925 | Donald G. Nagel, Jr. | November 25, 1975 |
| Norman E. Whitaker | September 4, 1926 | Peter B. Raiff | September 30, 1977 |
| Frederick J. Parker | November 25, 1928 | David C. Holcomb | September 12, 1980 |
| Theodore Kondoprias | September 8, 1936 | Raymond I. Abrams,III | October 1, 1980 |
| William E. Ogren | September 24, 1938 | Cullen C. Kasunic | October 6, 1980 |
| Peter L. Vankempen | September 2, 1944 | Matthew R. Allan | October 10, 1980 |
| Denis Jones | September 5, 1946 | Jonathan S. Cameron | September 24, 1981 |
| Paul F. Bailey | September 28, 1946 | Osiris Rodriguez | November 12, 1985 |
| Charles J. Semowich | October 10, 1949 | | |

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.