

THE WADSWORTH SIDELINER

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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."

Since our last edition we have had our Annual Awards Night where one of our fifty year Brothers was recognized by Grand Lodge with a special apron. Our 65 year Brothers were recognized with inscribed chronographs.

We had a special meeting with the brothers at Capital City Lodge.

We also unfortunately lost two of our brothers to the Supreme Lodge Above. However, soon after you receive this issue we will have raised six new Brothers.

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.

Brethren please remember Paul Pfeiffer who is recovering from a back injury 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. . Also, remember the spouses of the following Brothers and pray for their comfort and strength in their time of grief.

Bro. William A. Wiley, Sr. who was called home on November 9, 2009 and Robert Charles Antenucci who was called home on November 13, 2009.

GLAD TIDINGS

On November 7, R.:W.: Howard Lasker was named New York's Distinguished Veteran of the Year by the by the New York State Military Heritage Institute at the Military Museum in Saratoga Springs. R.:W.: Jerome McCall and Bro. Bud Abare were in attendance representing the District.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Brethren, by the time you receive your December edition of The Wadsworth Sideliner you will have received the 2010 dues notice. Please remit your dues on or before December 9, 2009. 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 shall be \$37.50 plus \$30.00 for Grand Lodge dues, payable in advance by the first Stated Communication in December of each year. Members reaching 75 years of age or 50 years of membership shall be granted Life Membership whereupon exemption is granted from Wadsworth Lodge dues, but the Brother is still obligated to pay Grand Lodge dues of \$30.00. 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.

TALE OF THE RING

Tale of the Ring From Bro. Latson Andrews, October, 2009

One good thing about computer, their handwriting is better than mine. It was about 57 years ago that my father-in-law raised me at Wadsworth 417. A day I will never forget and the certificate on the wall of my den will attest to that. I was born in Newburgh on July 1, 1926. Enough about me.

About 8 years ago we were driving from Connecticut to Illinois. A few miles west of Charleston, West Virginia I hit a tire carcass in the road. Our car died on the spot. A member of the Courtesy Patrol stopped to help me. This is a patrol designed to help people like us out of trouble. The man's name was Gary Holbert. He remarked that he liked the ring that I was wearing. He never mentioned it again.

Gary arranged for our car to be brought to a garage for repair- broken fuel pump. The garage owner - Hubie Hatfield - had his wife arrange a motel for us and brought us to the motel. Next morning she picked us up about 8:00 and returned us to the garage. We were on our way shortly.

I can't prove it, but the way we were treated must have meant that both men were very familiar with my ring. Another example of kindness and brotherhood extended to a stranger. That is what it is all about.

DISTRICT NEWS

The District conducted an Open Door Day on November 7. Each of the Lodges in the District and the Lodges and Concordant Bodies in the Temple participated. Attendance ranged from three to 128 people. Each Lodge conducted a Child ID program with the cooperation of the Rensselaer-Schenectady District who loaned us three kits. However, only three children were ID'd.

POET'S CORNER

This issue's Poet's Corner is the poem presented at the Capital City Lodge #87. On November 13 when some 20 Brothers from Wadsworth joined the Brothers at Capital City to hear R.:W.: William Ogren deliver his gift to our Prince Hall Brothers. The evening started with a dinner at the V&R Ristorante. where the Brothers enjoyed a fine meal and fellowship. It was an



interesting meeting, the Master was not there so the Junior Warden Bro. Gayle was in the East. It apparently was his first time and needed the book for guidance. However, it was remarkable how minor the differences are between the two rituals, despite evolving separately over many years. We were also surprised when one of the Brothers asked to "buy" a petition. After the delegation was introduced we had the main event where Brother Bill read the poem. After the meeting was closed the various dignitaries posed for the requisite pictures.

Now please enjoy the poem "Brotherhood"

Brotherhood Wadsworth #417 to Capital City #78

Capital City's lodge room sits beside a busy street, A
temple in the city where the Prince Hall Masons meet.
Wadsworth Lodge's Masons meet a few short blocks away,
Yet it took an awesome span of time to lead us to today.

We often meet as brothers with a friendship you can feel.
These are times for celebration of a brotherhood that's real.
We share the hand of fellowship, as Masons we are one.
It's a joyous time for everyone to see what we have done.

Many years have come and gone, departed, slipped away.
The craft we love is growing. It's reborn and not passé.
We have built upon traditions of our brothers gone before.
Now we move into the future and whatever lies in store.

Wadsworth Lodge is honored to have played an active part.
Capital City brethren have been with us from the start.
We can learn much from each other as we go along our way.
For we have a strong fraternal bond that's growing every day

You serve the whole community and work for those in need.
You're a source of true Masonic light, a special place indeed
We are proud to call you brothers and to have you by our side
Let us strive to work together with a never ending pride.

Fellowship that now we share will grow with every day.
We've been fortunate to see it start and help it on its way.
We share each other's lodge rooms with friendship in the air.
As we meet upon the level and we part upon the square.

William E. Ogren

R.:W.: William E. Ogren
Wadsworth #417
Presented November 13, 2009

AWARD'S NIGHT

Our Award's night started with a Ham Dinner put on by our Junior Warden Bruce Susser and his wife Joann along with Paul Pfeiffer, Denis Serdiouk and Steve Pampinella. After dinner we were treated to a performance by the Percussion Ensemble of the Empire State Youth Orchestra.



They promote themselves as “So much more than a drum set”, in fact there was not a drum in sight. They entertained us with Marimbas and Xylophones. I believe everyone was impressed with the professionalism of these young people. We hope that future Masters will consider this group of talented artists for our entertainment needs.

Certificates from Wadsworth Lodge were presented to these Brothers :

| Years | Name |
|-------|--------------------------|
| 5 | William Carlucci |
| 5 | Bruce J. Susser |
| 15 | Frederick J. Castiglione |
| 20 | W.: Charles J. Semowich |
| 20 | Roger A. Murphy |
| 30 | Jim M. Fuller |
| 40 | Robert D. Leitch, Jr. |

In addition special recognition was given to Brother Gus Yarvis in the form of a Certificate, Pin and Apron from Grand Lodge in Recognition of fifty years of service.



In recognition of 65 years of service Peter Baldes was given a Certificate and Pin from Grand Lodge and a Chronograph from Wadsworth Lodge.



The turn out for the program was outstanding. I wish to express my appreciation to all of the family and friends that came to support our recipients on this special night.

As can be seen by the following Trestleboard the Table Lodge for this year is on Saturday January 16, 2010. As has been our tradition there is a theme for this Table Lodge in the form of a four act play entitled “**A JURY OF YOUR PEERS**”. A play delving into what it truly means to be a mason (based upon an Essay entitled “**Understanding**,” written in 1924 by Ill. Carl H. Claudy, 33 Degree, P.G.M. of the District of Columbia)

Reservations should be made with the Junior Warden no later than **January 13, 2009**

Remaining Trestleboard for 2009-2010
Wadsworth Lodge F&AM No. 417

- 12/9/2009 Master Mason Degree - Master in the East w/ Ballot on Petitions
- 12/23/2009 Lodge Dark for Christmas
- 1/13/2010 Entered Apprentice Degree* - Master in the East
- 1/16/2010 Wadsworth 5th Annual Table Lodge*
Entered Apprentice Degree* - Junior Warden in the West Brothers move
- 1/27/2010 up
- 2/10/2010 Fellowcraft Degree* - Master in the East
- 2/24/2010 DDGM*
- 3/10/2010 Fellowcraft Degree* - Junior Warden in the East Brothers move up
- 3/24/2010 Master Mason Degree - First Section* - Master in the East
- 4/14/2010 Master Mason Degree - Hiramic Legend*
- 4/28/2010 Jerry McCall's Homecoming*
- 5/12/2010 Annual Reports Master's Report and Election
- 5/26/2010 Master's Budget, Trestle Board and Installation of Officers*

* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

PARTING SHOTS

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| Howard J. Lasker | December 16, 1918 | Thomas J. Goodfellow III | January 1, 1950 |
| Daniel F. Predpall | January 12, 1920 | Bernard . Maskell Jr | December 4, 1950 |
| John P. Kriek | January 20, 1921 | Daniel L. Lowenski | December 21, 1952 |
| Clifford W. Coughlin | December 15, 1921 | Paul S. Kahian | December 24, 1952 |
| George C. Rores | December 5, 1924 | Niels C. Jurgensen | January 21, 1953 |
| Alfred Krueger Jr | December 11, 1933 | Frederick P. Pettingell | January 1, 1954 |
| Ronald H. Noll | January 17, 1934 | Robert C. Antenucci | December 1, 1954 |
| Arnold C. Hamm Jr | December 30, 1939 | Leo G. Synakowski | December 19, 1954 |
| Fred W. Briggs | December 7, 1940 | Kenneth M. White | January 26, 1955 |
| John S. Luther | December 15, 1941 | Bruce J. Susser | December 29, 1956 |
| Fred C. Fredrickson | January 25, 1943 | John L. Miller | January 27, 1959 |
| William Carlucci | January 1, 1945 | William R. Godell | December 13, 1959 |
| Edward S. Kosinski | January 19, 1945 | Roger A. Murphy | January 21, 1966 |
| James E. Johnston | January 20, 1946 | William S. Roberts | January 23, 1977 |
| Benjamin V. Conlon | January 22, 1948 | Drew A. Millier | December 27, 1981 |
| Joseph G. Rymski Sr | January 8, 1949 | Kyle D. Buckingham | December 25, 1982 |

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.