

# THE WADSWORTH SIDELINER

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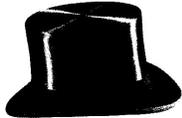
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Paul F. Bailey, Editor

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## **UNDER THE MASTERS HAT**

Great news we have filled the chair in the West which was vacated by Cullen Kasunic when his “strict application to business” took him away from us to New York City. The chair and all of its attendant duties has been filled by Worshipful Ken White. I cannot thank him enough.

As you can see from the revised Trestleboard we are having a very active spring with regard to our ritual. We have initiated ten new brothers. One of the brothers will be raised in another lodge, so that we can raise Steve Silverman this spring. With the four that we raised in the fall we have fifteen new brothers this year. This is marvelous in and of itself, but when you consider that they are also very eager to help out in any way they can makes it doubly great.

To help better learn about some of our new brothers I am including some biographies:

My name is Bob Weegar I am originally from Oswego NY and have been living in Albany for the past 5 years as a Branch Manager for Trustco Bank. I graduated with an Associates Degree in Business Administration from SUNY Canton. I enjoy playing guitar, fishing, riding my Harley, and hanging out with my Basset Hound. I was raised as a Master Mason on December 9th 2009.

Mike Mrozinski lives in Rotterdam with his wife Kristin and their 3 children, Michael 16, Joseph 14 and Mallory 12. Mike is employed by the Boy Scouts of America, Supply division and is active in Scouting in many capitates. He enjoys camping, spending time with his family and sneaking out to play golf whenever possible.

Steve Silverman lives in Albany. He also works in for the Boy Scouts. He is the Director of Support Services for the Twin Rivers Council. He has held numerous administration positions around the state in his scouting career. He is also a Past President of the Rotary Club.

Patrick Strahan comes to us from Minneapolis, where he worked as an IT manager and a bank manager. He is currently a MBA student here in Albany.

I recently received an interesting article from Bill Ogren and it seems it might be appropriate to include at this point:

“I'm The Guy

I'm the guy who asked to join your organization. I'm the guy who paid his dues to join. I'm the guy who stood up in front of all of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to. I tried several times to be friendly to some of the fellows, but they all had their own buddies they talk to and sat next to.

I sat down several times but no one paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that somebody would have asked me to take part in a fund raising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch TV. The following meeting, I attended, no one asked me where I was when the last meeting was held.

You might say I'm a good guy, a good family man who holds a responsible job, loves his community and his country.

It amuses me when I think back on how the heads of the organization and the members were discussing why the organization was losing members.

It amuses me now to think that they spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time.

All they needed to do was make me feel needed and welcome!

You know who I am?

I'm the guy who never came back!”

I here more frequently from the established members I do not know the names that go with all these of new faces. I want to encourage the new members and old members to mix especially at dinner and get to know each other.

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.”***

## **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 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. Bill Ogren had to go for another round of chemotherapy. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

## **GLAD TIDINGS**

Gerald Irwin's wife Pat is responding favorably to her chemotherapy and appears to be entering remission.

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

We will be hosting the Deputy District Grand Master on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to attend especially the new brothers.

Thanks to efforts of Brother Joe Evans, from Van Rensselaer Brother Chris Hodapp from Indianapolis, is coming to Albany on April 7th to do a presentation for all masons in the Albany Temple. Brother Hodapp has quite the resume:

*Christopher Hodapp is the editor of the Journal of the Masonic Society, and the author of the bestselling book, Freemasons For Dummies. He is a Past Master of Broad Ripple Lodge #643 and of Lodge Vitruvian #767, both in Indianapolis. He is also an honorary member of African Lodge No. 459 in Boston.*

*He is a member of the Scottish Rite, the York Rite and the Shrine, and he is a founding member of Levant Preceptory, Indiana's medieval period-recreation Masonic Knight Templar group. In January, he was invested with the rank of Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA. He is currently serving as Sovereign Master of Imho-tep Council No. 434, Allied Masonic Degrees. And he is a member of the Board of Directors of Indiana Freemasons' Hall.*

*His second book, Solomon's Builders: Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the Secrets of Washington D.C., was published in 2006.*

*He has also co-written The Templar Code For Dummies and Conspiracy Theories And Secret Societies For Dummies with his wife, Alice Von Kannon.*

*His latest book, Deciphering the Lost Symbol, was released in January by Ulysses Press. It explores the truth behind Dan Brown's fiction from a Masonic point of view.*

*Chris has spent 25 years in advertising, editing more than 700 commercials, music videos and feature films. On the other side of the camera, he has appeared on the History Channel, and he and Alice were both featured in the Discovery Channel program, "Hunting The Lost Symbol." They are currently writing and producing a new History Channel series that will premiere later this year.*

*He and Alice have just celebrated their 32nd anniversary. They live with their very French poodle, Wiley, who has them responding to basic commands.*

DISTRICT DEPUTY OFFICIAL VISITS

Wadsworth 02/24/10

Masters 03/22/10

VanRensselaer 04/10/10 (homecoming)

## 2010 SUMMER BUS TRIP

Brethren and Ladies of Wadsworth Lodge,

It is not too early to start thinking summer and planning for the annual Wadsworth bus trip on July 17, 2010. Our incoming Master, Worshipful Ken White has decided to do something different this year and take in a Broadway show. We will be going to see "Jersey Boys" which is one of the top shows. We have 55 **orchestra seats** blocked out in the theater.

Following the show we will be having dinner at Cosimo's in Woodbury. Cosimo's is owned by the same people who own Torches on the Hudson where we ate last year and we all know what a sensational meal that was. It is a lot closer to New York City and we should arrive there at approximately 6:30 p.m.

We are offering this trip to Wadsworth Lodge members and their families for \$185.00 per person which is a very reasonable price. This includes the best seats for one of the top shows on Broadway, dinner at Cosimo's, bus fare, taxes, and gratuities. Information on the show and restaurant can be found on the internet.

The theater seat reservations must be paid for by April 1. This is prime time in New York and they want payment early. There is a lot of interest in this trip so I suggest you pay as soon as possible. Your check is your reservation and will be taken on a **first come first served basis**. There will be **no refunds**.

Meal choices are: (Salad, housemade tiramisu and soda, tea and coffee included)

Pan seared Breast of Chicken with Wild Mushroom Marsala Sauce, potatoes and vegetables

Center Cut Port Loin Stack, Asiago Spinach & Sundried Tomatoes, potatoes and vegetables

Tilapia Oreganato Crusted With Lemon White Wine Butter Sauce, potatoes and vegetables

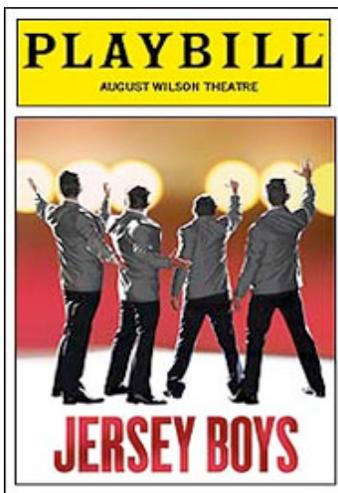
As in the past, we will be leaving from the usual place at the far west end of Crossgates shopping center, beyond Macy's, promptly at 10:00 a.m. I would ask everyone to be there no later than 9:30 a.m. so we can get everyone checked in with their tickets, meals choices, etc. and leave on time. We will be making a brief stop on the Thruway for lunch (not included) to hold us over until dinner.

There will be 55 seats available on a first come, first served basis. If the reservations go over 55, you will be put on a standby list in the event of cancellations. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY April 1**. Please be sure to include the tear off slip from the flyer with your check so I can get your pertinent information, **especially your food choices**. Your check is your reservation. We will arrive home at approximately 9:30 p.m.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 482-9326 or [wogren1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wogren1@nycap.rr.com).

Fraternally yours,  
Bill Ogren  
Program Chairman

WADSWORTH LODGE #417  
 SUMMER BUS TRIP  
 To  
 BROADWAY  
 JULY 17, 2010



*Jersey Boys* is the story of how a group of blue-collar boys from the wrong side of the tracks became one of the biggest American pop music sensations of all time. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide - all before they were 30! This new musical features their beloved hit songs "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "Oh What a Night" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You," just to name a few. *(Copy of Playbill and information taken from web site)*

Dinner choices at Cosimo's are:

- Pan seared Breast of Chicken with Wild Mushroom Marsala Sauce
- Center Cut Port Loin Stack, Asiago Spinach & Sundried Tomatoes
- Oreganato Crusted Tilapia with White Wine Lemon Butter Sauce

Price includes Orchestra seats at the show, dinner at Cosimo's Restaurant and transportation. Please see attached letter for complete information.

**Price per person .....\$185.00**

**Payment by April 1. There will be NO REFUNDS.**

**Parking at Crossgates upper lot in the back. Leave PROMPTLY at 10:00 a.m. Return approximately 9:30 p.m.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ No. attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice(s): Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Pork \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to **Wadsworth Lodge #417** and mail to:  
 William E. Ogren, 4 Carol Ann Drive, Albany, NY 12205-1906

## 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.

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R.: W.: William E. Ogren

Apron Presentation

January 13, 1999

## **TALE OF THE RING**

The Tale of the Ring is another Ogrenism. He was on a plane on the way back from visiting Jamaica. It was at a time when the airlines were beginning economizing. The lunch on the flight consisted of half a submarine sandwich. Soon after he had finished his snack the attendant came by and gave him another half a sandwich. He said "I did not ask for this why am I getting this"? She replied that he was getting another half because her grandfather wore a ring just like the one you are wearing.

## **DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER'S VISIT**

The DDGM will be visiting Wadsworth on February 24<sup>th</sup>. All Brothers are encouraged to attend, especially the new Brothers. Dinner is Chicken Jambalaya prepared by the Gauls. The dinner is at 6:30 as usual followed by the program at 7:30.

## **TABLE LODGE 2010**

Our Table Lodge this year will be on Saturday February 27. The festivities kick off at 4:00 PM. The play this year will be a "Jury of Your Peers" a four act play delving into what it truly means to be a mason. The play is based upon an Essay entitled "**Understanding**," written in 1924 by Ill. Carl H. Claudy, 33 Degree, P.G.M. of the District of Columbia.

Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and education. Make your reservations with Bruce Susser, 10 Belmont Court, Selkirk, NY 12158.

## **TRESTLE BOARD FOR COMMUNICATIONS 2009**

- 2/10/2010 Fellowcraft Degree\* - Master in the East
- 2/24/2010 DDGM\*
- 2/27/2010 Wadsworth 5th Annual Table Lodge\*
- 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 - Hiram 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**

Name	Birth Date	Name	Birth Date
Harold J. Clark	March 17, 1920	Donald D. Kingston	March 6, 1943
George Moran	March 18, 1921	Robert H. Fickies	March 23, 1944
Rufus J. Gould	February 7, 1922	Jerome A. McCall	March 28, 1944
Ralph . Edgell	March 2, 1922	Frederick J. Castiglione	February 27, 1947
Edward P. Minerley	March 6, 1922	Kenneth H. Rouse	March 18, 1948
Peter J. Baldes	March 6, 1922	James J. Vandewal	March 29, 1949
Marvin W. Antenucci	February 4, 1925	Joseph J. Olbrych	March 5, 1952
Clair J. Miller	February 29, 1928	Charles A. Poltenson	March 9, 1953
Robert E. Murphy	March 13, 1929	William S. Panitch	February 6, 1954
John G. Guile	March 22, 1930	Kevin L. Hubble	March 24, 1961
Robert D. Leitch Jr	February 25, 1934	Thomas P. Fuller	March 7, 1962
Clayton E. Simons	March 14, 1936	Fredrick L. Fuller	March 3, 1967
Kenneth E. Weinman	February 10, 1937	Mark B. Monroe	March 13, 1967
Edwin W. Engelhardt	February 25, 1937	Paul J. Pfeiffer	March 19, 1975
Willard D. Thomas	March 4, 1939	Joseph K. Laux	March 19, 1975
Donald D. Kingston	March 6, 1943	Kenneth A. Craycraft, Jr.	March 14, 1982
Robert H. Fickies	March 23, 1944	Stanley J. Adams III	March 16, 1982
Jerome A. McCall	March 28, 1944	Stephen M. Pampinella	February 1, 1984