

# THE WADSWORTH SIDELINER

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*Wadsworth Lodge No. 417, F. & O.*

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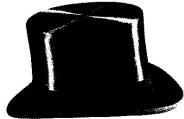


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## **UNDER THE MASTERS HAT**

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."***

As my year as Master of Wadsworth Lodge draws to a close I look back at the work that we have done and the increase in membership. It seems like all we have done is degree work, but it has been worth it. We have inducted some very enthusiastic brothers who will help keep our fraternity and lodge doing great things.

It is the time of the year when the one looks back on all of the officers and brothers who have help to make this year a success. My biggest thanks have to go to **W.:** **Kenneth White** who stepped up took over the Senior Warden chair and agree to be the next Master.

Next I want to thank the installation team of **R.:** **W.:** **Stephen S. King**, Installing Master and a valuable counsel throughout the year; **R.:** **W.:** **Geoffrey T. Hoderath**, Installing Chaplain and a very eloquent Master at our Past Master Degree and especially **W.:** **Kenneth V. Moore**, Installing Marshall, since he made a trip from Florida. I asked him to be there since he was my sponsor.

Thanks to **R.:** **W.:** **Bill Ogren** for a fantastic Summer Bus Trip, his contributions to the Poet's Corner, the meeting with the Capital City Lodge and the organization of the Past Master's Degree.

A special thanks goes to the lodge Secretary **Brother Tim Martin** for his tireless work in helping organize the various degrees. It has been a trying year keeping all of the candidates and their schedules straight. And I would be amiss if I did not acknowledge all of his fantastic artwork for programs and certificates.

Thank you to R.: W.: **Jerome McCall** for taking me aside and giving me suggestions throughout the year.

Thank you to W.: **Charlie Semowich** for his musical accompaniment throughout the year. Our programs and especially our degree work would not have been anywhere near as elegant without him.

Thanks to **Brother Bruce Susser** and his team of cooks and helpers for another great year of meals.

And last but not least to all my officers and the brothers who helped with all of the programs and degree work, especially everyone who has helped with the Hyramic Legends. Many Lodges have to scramble to fill the chairs let alone do all of the other parts in a degree we should count ourselves very fortunate to have the depth that we have.

## **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.

This report comes from Bill Ogren:

They found three more carcinomas in the bladder. He is not too alarmed about two of them but the third one is right in the neck of the bladder and is very deep. They weren't there a few months ago. I will be having surgery again I think it is number 8. Since it is in the entrance they cannot go in and make a u-turn so to speak to remove it, instead he will have to remove part of the prostate to get at it. I will have to have a spinal and will need a catheter for a while. They will be operating as soon as possible, probably within a couple of weeks. Then I have to wait about 6 weeks to begin chemo with interferon. That will last a few months which will put me into the summer. I may not have enough oomph left for the trip. At this point it is all up to God. To make matters worse the insurance companies may not pay for a new type of chemo he may want to try because it cost's about \$20,000. They still have to be careful about riling up the lymphoma with the chemo for the bladder cancer. Other than the above problems I am in pretty good shape.

Subsequently Bill has had his surgery. The doctor was able to remove the three carcinomas and is now waiting for the biopsy results.

Howard Lasker has had eye surgery to remove his cataracts. One eye has been done and will be going to have the other done in two weeks. For now he is dealing with one corrected eye and one uncorrected eye.

Worshipful Brother James A. Haire was raised to the Supreme Lodge on High April 8, 2010. Brother Haire was a 54 year member of Wadsworth Lodge. "May it be his portion to hear from , Him Who sitteth as the Judge Supreme *"Well Done, Good And Faithful Brother"*.

#### IN MEMORIAM

##### **James A. Haire**

Became a Mason September 26, 1956

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on October 24, 1956

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 28, 1956

raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High April 8, 2010**

We ask God's Blessing and bid Farwell to one our Fraternal Family

### **GLAD TIDINGS**

#### **Know your new brothers**

As in the last issue here is another biographical sketch for one of our new brothers:

James H. Shelton

I was born 6/24/1981 in Erlangen Bavaria Germany. I spent most of my childhood in Southern California and joined the US Navy at the age of 18. I am what is known as a Navy Nuke and have served honorably for over 10 years. I am married to my lovely wife Jennifer for 8 years and we have 2 children with a third on the way due in July. My oldest Josephine is 3, next is Jamison 1 and to be born is Jonathon.

### **AROUND THE DISTRICT**

The celebration of **R.: W.: David Harris'** homecoming was on April 10 at Van Rensselaer Lodge. He was presented his father's Past District Deputy Grand Master (PDDGM) jewel which originally came from Past DDGM R.: W.: Leo W, O'Brien by PDDGM Peter Kermani. David's past two years of service were beautifully remembered by many.

The special meeting for Chris Hodapp was well attended between 70 and 80 Brothers. It was a very inspirational and informative lecture for all Brothers

The annual Surviving Spouse Luncheon will be held at the Temple on May 8.

On May 19th the Annual District Memorial Services to give Honor and Respect to our Brothers who have gone before us will be at the Masonic Memorial at Albany Rural Cemetery at 6:00 pm. It will be followed by a Service of Remembrance at the Albany Masonic Temple at 7:30 pm to honor all of the Brothers in the District who were called to live in that house not made by hands in Heaven above during this past year.

### **CHIP**

There was an event at the Guilderland YMCA on April 17. Thirty-six young people were processed requiring an additional 40 minutes of our volunteer's time. Bill reports that since he took over the program we have processed 375 people, young and old.

## **POET'S CORNER**

The Poet's Corner has two entries this edition since we have two occasions to commemorate. This poem is dedicated to all of the Master Masons we have raised this year:

### **Master Mason's Poem**

Last Night I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt

Author Unknown

Last Night I knelt where Hiram knelt

And took an obligation  
Today I'm closer to my God  
And I'm a Master Mason  
Tho' heretofore my fellow men  
Seemed each one like the other,  
Today I search each one apart;  
I'm looking for my Brother  
And, as I feel his friendly grip,  
It fills my heart with pride;  
I know that while I'm on the square,  
That he is on my side  
His footsteps on my errand go  
If I should such require;  
His prayers will plead in my behalf  
If I should so desire.  
My words are safe within his breast  
As though within my own;  
His hand forever at my back  
To help me safely Home.  
Good counsel whispers in my ear  
An warns of any danger;  
By square and compass Brother now!  
Who once would call me stranger,  
I might have lived a moral life  
And risen to distinctions  
Without my Brother's helping hand  
And fellowship of Masons  
But God, who knows how hard it is  
To resist life's temptations  
Knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt  
And took that obligation.

**This poem is the one presented to R.: W.: Jerome McCall at his homecoming the other night:**

R.: W.: Jerome McCall  
Grand Steward  
Homecoming



Tonight is special Jerry, for tonight you're coming home.  
Your term at last is over and there's nowhere else to roam.

You did your job and did it well, you rank among the best.  
By any given standard you have more than passed the test.

Your thoughts go back to bygone times so many years ago,  
When you became a Mason and the brother that we know.

Going on to be the Master of the Lodge that we all love,  
Was not the end of your career, your goals were far above.

You gave so much to Masonry and did your best to learn,  
For the purple isn't given, it is something you must earn.

Helping lead the district you showed what you could do,  
Impressing those around you, with a fervor that was true.

It was quite a learning process, one that every leader knows,  
For as you become a leader, your self-assurance grows.

Now Wadsworth Lodge is richer and feels a sense of pride,  
Having seen you grow in Masonry and travel far and wide.

You have set a fine example for the young men in the line.  
If they choose you to emulate they'll get along just fine.

Enjoy this night and live it up for you have earned the right.  
I am proud to call you brother and to wish you well tonight.

R.: W.: William E. Ogren

## TALES OF THE RING

This edition's tale is probably the most common in one variation or another. It is the case of a man noticing the ring and prompting him to ask the question.

This tale is my tale. Ken Moore's last job when he worked for the DoT was as a Claims Engineer. When a contractor feels he has been treated unfairly and not been compensated properly they may file a claim. At that time it is assigned to a claims engineer to determine the validity of the claim and help negotiate a settlement or defend the suit if it goes to court.

As it happens one of the projects that I was involved in went to a claim for compensation. Ken was assigned to the claim and we were involved in various meetings with the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the case. During one of trips to a meeting I notice his ring. I had come from a Masonic family, father and uncles. I mentioned that he had done some travelling.

We talked for a while and then I finally asked the question and he gave me petition and the rest is history.

## SUMMER BUS TRIP

The bus trip reservations are now concluded. We wound up with a total of 48 people, which I believe is a number we have not reached for a long time. I want to thank all of you for your support in getting Worshipful Ken White off to a good start.

## TRESTLE BOARD FOR COMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS ISSUE

As the year draws to a close the trestleboard is becoming very short:

May 12 – Annual Reports and Election of Officers

May 26 – Installation of Officers

June 9 – Historical Lecture, Charge and Questions and Answers for the Third Degree.

### 2005 Dues Notice

If you haven't paid your 2010 dues yet, please do so as soon as possible since we count on dues to help us meet our budgeted obligations. Also, please do not hesitate to call the Master on matters of hardship or the Secretary on perceived errors in dues notices. Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter.

Please take a minute to fill out the notice, then clip and send with your check

Wadsworth Lodge #417 F. &.A.M  
Statement of Dues

Dues Life Member for 2010----- \$30.00 Grand Lodge Assessment

Dues Non- Life Member For 2010 --- \$37.50 Lodge Dues  
+ \$30.00 Grand Lodge Assessment  
\$67.50

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Send dues to:*

Timothy Martin, Secretary Wadsworth Lodge #417  
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## PARTING SHOTS

ROY E. GILBERT	July 15, 1917	BRUCE N. HAZARD	June 3, 1949
WILLIAM C. KOGLER	July 26, 1918	LANSING V. TEN EYCK, III	June 21, 1949
JAMES A. HAIRE	May 3, 1919	ALAN S. LASKER	June 27, 1949
FLOYD J. HILL	August 26, 1919	RAYMOND H. GAUL	August 1, 1949
WYMAN A. SOULE	May 4, 1920	LEROY P. STEVENS	August 18, 1950
CHARLES G. WOLZ, JR	May 16, 1922	STEPHEN S. KING	August 30, 1950
WILLIAM E. LANGUISH	July 7, 1922	MICHAEL R. GAMMANS	April 28, 1951
KENNETH H. AHSMUHS	July 17, 1923	GARY A. LOEB	June 25, 1954
GLENN H. PARKER	July 12, 1924	ALAN C. GARRISON	August 14, 1954
JOHN D. DENUCCIE, JR	April 11, 1925	JOHN W. SCOTT	July 16, 1955
ELMER C. KRICHBAUM, JR	May 26, 1925	VICTOR K. CALDWELL	August 22, 1955
FREDERICK A. HARTMAN	June 18, 1925	GEOFFREY T. HODERATH	August 2, 1957
WILFRED C. BAUMANN	June 7, 1929	JEAN R. KARM	June 10, 1958
CHARLES E. MORRIS	May 4, 1930	STEVEN M. CONANT	June 24, 1958
WARD R. JR JONES	April 18, 1931	ROBERT A. WEEGAR	June 3, 1960
CULVER F. HAYES, JR	May 16, 1931	MURRAY J. MITKOFF	April 16, 1961
JAMES L. FULLER	June 21, 1931	BRIAN K. WHITAKER	June 14, 1961
FREDERICK GILLESPIE	June 25, 1931	STEPHEN J. GARRY	August 23, 1962
WILLIAM H. CONROY, JR.	May 15, 1933	BRYON E. KOSHGARIAN	May 22, 1965
WILLIAM T. O'KEEFE	May 24, 1933	JUSTIN E. CROCKER	April 1, 1975
RICHARD D. WARK	July 8, 1935	SCOTT J. ELWOOD	July 26, 1975
CHARLES W. HANER	August 13, 1936	SCOTT A. SAWYER	August 30, 1976
CARL F RYMSKI. III	April 8, 1938	DANIEL N. CHEDID	May 16, 1979
DAVID A. KEISKI	April 19, 1938	DONOVAN R. WHITE	April 14, 1980
CHRISTIAN N. ABELE	April 29, 1938	CURTIS J. KAMMERER	June 23, 1980
KENNETH A. WOLVEN	August 9, 1940	JOHN G. RHODES	August 21, 1980
MICHAEL S. DROOKER	July 20, 1942	JAMES H. SHELTON	June 24, 1981
KURT ROSENFELDT	June 11, 1943	AMOS C. KIM	June 18, 1982
MARK H. BAUMBACH	June 23, 1943	ROBERT T. HEDDGEPETH	May 12, 1983
JOSEPH P. POZEFSKY	June 24, 1943	JOSHUA R. PRITT	June 5, 1984
PAUL SR ROSENBLATT	August 25, 1946	OWEN K. SCOTT	April 5, 1985
TIMOTHY M. MARTIN	July 2, 1947	DENIS SERDOIK	April 14, 1987
DOUGLAS C. HAYS	July 13, 1947	KENNETH R. DAWES	April 28, 1987
JOHN G. MILSOP	April 21, 1948	JACOB W. HYDE	June 23, 1987

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.