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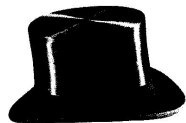
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UNDER THE MASTERS HAT

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."

To the tune of "Back in the Saddle Again" sung by Gene Autry or the melancholy tune "Hello Again" sung by Neil Diamond (downloadable thru iTunes I'm sure) or if you wish the haunting announcement by the little girl in the movie "Poltergeist" - "He's baaack! I am honored to again serve as Master of Wadsworth Lodge for the ensuing year. Its hard to believe that it has been 10 years since my last rodeo and a lot has changed. Hopefully and I believe for the better. You are getting an older and wiser Master this time around at just the time when the lodge needs a mentor to the many newly raised brothers. It will give our line officers a chance to slow down a bit and take in the nuances of running a lodge rather than being pushed ahead. I want to thank W: Paul Bailey for leaving a vibrant enthusiastic and well functioning Lodge.

I am looking forward to the challenge. Ten years ago my family was growing and the balancing of those obligations along with the leadership of the Lodge was an immense task. We made it through, but afterwards you always think of how you could have done it better. I now get a second chance. The added maturity and depth of my Masonic Life over these past ten years should help develop our line officer's experiences and thereby add to the continued success of Wadsworth. The youthful vitality of the Lodge is already present with new brothers stepping into officer roles, ritual parts, and attendance. This is great stuff and we will continue this with what I believe is a diverse program agenda for the year's Trestle Board. It has a little of everything and should be fun. Take a look at it on one of the following pages and plan on coming out. I want to see you there!

By the time you get this we will have already kicked off the year by holding the traditional Wadsworth summer bus trip. I want to again thank RW Bill Ogren on heading up this program. Needless to say it was another great success. Please read Bill's report on the trip to see "Jersey Boys".

Lastly, I want to call your attention to our first meeting of the year on September 8th where we will be honoring one of Wadsworth own, RW John Scott upon his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master for the Albany District. A very well deserved honor.

As always, please call me to arrange ride if you can't make it on your own. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge and having a fantastic year.

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 daughters of R.:W.: Fred Frederickson and their families in your prayers and pray to the most holy and glorious Lord God, the Great Architect of the Universe. Fred laid down his working tools on the night of July 30.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

On August 4th R.:W.: Jerry Dievendorf conducted the first annual Master's Chair. It was attended by all of the Masters in the District.

On August 5th V.:W.: David Neidraurer, the District AGL held the first of four Lodges of Instruction. This one was on opening and closing the Lodge. It was well attended especially by some of our younger officers.

On August 7th W.: Mike Gammons, Brother Mike Burby, from Noah and W.: Paul Bailey conduct a Masonic Safety Program (CHIP) at the Clarksville Heritage Days. We processed 26 youngsters and one adult.

District Deputy Grand Master Visits

Berne	10/07/10	Mt. Vernon	02/07/11
Noah	10/26/10	Wadsworth	03/09/11
Bethlehem	11/16/10	Van Rensselaer	03/24/11
Ancient Temple	12/07/10	Masters	04/11/11
	Guttenberg		01/06/11

MASTERS & WARDENS SCHEDULE

Van Rensselaer	09/15/10	Masters	02/16/11
Mt. Vernon	10/20/10	Guttenberg	03/16/11
Bethlehem	11/17/10	Ancient Temple	04/20/11
Wadsworth	01/19/11	Berne	06/03/11

SUMMER BUS TRIP

The thirteenth Wadsworth Lodge summer bus trip is now history. We were supposed to meet at Crossgates Mall at 9:30 but when I arrived at 9:15 most of the people were already there, eager to get under way as usual. Because of everyone's cooperation, we were able to leave 15 minutes early which was a great help because of the time we lost going through the Lincoln tunnel. I can't imagine doing that every day!

After a brief lunch stop on the Thruway we arrived at the August Wilson Theatre on W. 52nd. St. to see "Jersey Boys". We were able to unload almost at the door and the pickup was at the same location. The show was sold out and we soon found out why. It was sensational and you could readily understand why it has won so many awards.

Our Wade Tours driver, Grant Smith, even gave us a mini tour of midtown and the theater district, which is not an easy thing to do in a bus. After getting out of the tunnel, we headed for dinner at Cosimo's Restaurant in Woodbury. The dinners and service were superb and I did not hear one complaint from anyone about anything. After dinner our well-fed group boarded the bus for the final leg to Albany and a chance for a snooze on the way. We arrived home shortly before 10 and the skies opened up with a deluge to welcome us home.

I want to thank our Worshipful Master Ken White for his cooperation with the program and kind remarks at the dinner. I also want to thank my wife Carolyn for all her efforts with this and all the other trips. She has done a lot for Wadsworth Lodge over the years. She designs the flyers, tracking sheets, email lists as well as the meal tickets and even the theatrical masks on the ticket envelope labels. She also assists with handing them out and putting up with me. I love that lady!

These trips are geared toward the Ladies as a way of saying thank you for putting up with our activities all year. They are also designed to build camaraderie within the lodge, keep contact over the summer and get the new Master off to a good start. I always ask the incoming Master what he would like to do for his trip and build on his wishes. We have traveled far and wide and have been to a lot of different places and done many things over the years and anyone who has gone knows there is camaraderie. Many of them have gone on every trip.

I don't believe there are many other lodges that do anything like it. Thank you all for supporting the program.

POET'S CORNER

The Window

The rain is lightly falling on a peaceful autumn night.
Weaving patterns on the glass, an ever changing sight.
Water cascades gently down and streaks across the dew.
It flows across the window glass and disappears from view.

We stand before the window and gaze upon the scene.
The outside air is being cleansed by water cool and clean.
Through the open window, we smell the moistened air.
It mingles with the burning logs and drives away all care.

We hold each other closely and view the lake below.
We feel each other's presence and share a common glow.
From somewhere in the distance we hear a plaintive loon.
And stand in total silence by this window neath the moon.

The fireplace's warming glow has magic in its light.
We feel the romance in the air this very special night.
At times like this no words are said, there isn't any need.
No words can make it better, it's a special time indeed.

The window weaves its spell. The magic doesn't pass.
We see each other's faces in reflections on the glass.
We never want the rain to stop, for that would end the spell.
For the night is just beginning and we know that all is well.

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William E. Ogren
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TALE OF THE RING

This tale is from Senior Warden Bruce Susser.

He works for an electrical contractor. He was at a start up meeting for the installation of two generators that the Town of Bethlehem had bought. There were the usual cast of characters with Bruce representing the installers and a couple of service representatives from the supplier.

Toward the end of the meeting one of the service reps spoke to Bruce and said that he saw that he had done a lot of travelling since he had noticed the ring that Bruce had received from his father. The representative said that he could see that this was going to be a good project.

Normally when the installer and the supplier are separate entities the projects often are contentious affairs with one side blaming the other if anything that goes wrong. However, Bruce said that this was the smoothest installation that he had seen.