

# The Sideliner

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## Under the Master's Hat

*Worshipful Master Ken White bids greetings for the Fall season*

My Brothers,  
Greetings from the East! Wadsworth is off to a great start for its ensuing year. After a successful bus trip to see "Jersey Boys" and a summer picnic, we started the planned programs of the trestleboard with full house attendance of the District Deputy Grand Master Apron presentation to our own R.:W.: John Scott. We were honored with a contingent from Grand Lodge and specifically in the person of Deputy Grand Master Sullivan who gave us a view of the great success the craft is enjoying across the state. I thank R.:W.: Steve King for heading the committee and V.:W.: Ray Gaul for his culinary expertise. Good food, good company, great evening! Congratulations John!



Charlie, dressed in his officer uniform, spoke of many instances how brotherhood still existed despite the conflict. The dinner that evening was in keeping with authentic period dishes right down to the hard tack and was cooked by Bro Robert Joel. If there is one thing this year is going to be noted for is our meals. Come hungry! Again my thanks to Charlie and Bob.

As I write this we will be starting degree work on a new candidate with the Wadsworth past masters presentation of the first degree. This has always been fun as our past leaders shake off the rust and show the "youngsters" how it is done. Another evening of comradery to be had as the stories of past war stories fill the air of brothers past and present. Laughter is encouraged.

Our following meeting had W.: Charlie Poltenson giving us a talk on Masonry during the Civil War.

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UNDER THE MASTER'S HAT (CONT'D)

Interspersed will be our annual awards evening which we will honor our brothers that are marking significant anniversaries and or accomplishments. Speaking of recognition, I recently attended with Brothers King, Scott, Martin, and Ogren along with Carol Ogren down in Kingston, the Apron presentation to our own R.:W.: Geoffrey Hoderath our new Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Arizona near the Grand Lodge of New York.

Another fine evening and recognition to very worthy brother. Congratulations Geoff .

So brothers I invite you to come out to the meetings. I promise you interesting topics, good food, good company in the spirit of fellowship. Till then.

Fraternally, Ken White



### Trestle Board for Communications

Wadsworth Lodge F&AM No. 417

10/27/10	Open meeting: Awards Night and Apron Presentation for PM W.: Bailey
11/10/10	Fellowcraft Degree* - Master in the East
11/24/10	Lodge Dark for Thanksgiving
12/8/10	Master Mason Degree* -Master in the East
12/22/10	Lodge Dark for Christmas
1/12/11	Tentative Entered Apprentice Degree* // Open Meeting
1/15/11	Wadsworth 6th Annual Table Lodge*
1/26/11	Master's Birthday Nine Ball Billiards Tournament.
2/9/11	Tentative Fellowcraft Degree*// Open Meeting
2/23/11	Open Meeting-George Washington Presentation (Bros Aaron and Denis)
3/9/11	DDGM*
3/23/11	Tentative Master Mason Degree* // Open Meeting-
4/13/11	Annual Reports
4/27/11	Open Meeting -
5/11/11	Master's Report and Election of Officers
5/25/11	Installation of Officers*
6/8/11	Dark?

\* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

- Possible Open Meetings Presentations  
 George Washington - Bros Aaron and Denis  
 Car Buying Tips  
 Brother Bring a Friend  
 Education Night  
 Dewitt Clinton Award

## Sickness and Distress:

Brothers Robert Murphy and William O'Keefe are not doing well and should be remembered. R.: W.: Howard Lasker is now a resident at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing on Washington Avenue Extension. He is room 648. Howard is confined to a wheelchair. Visit him if at all possible.

Brother Norman Whitaker is now tending to the needs of his ill wife 24/7.

Brother Thomas Stark is recovering from joint replacement surgery.

Al Krueger lost his beautiful bride Nancy on September 14. Brother Edward P. Minerly was called home to that house in heavens not made with hands on August 14, 2010.

Please keep all of these Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

## Glad Tidings:

Congratulations to R.: W.: Geoffrey T. Hoderath, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge

of Arizona near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. He was presented with his apron on October 2

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.

## Around the District:

W.: Bill Baumann, W.: Mike Gammons and Bro. Bernie Smith conducted a Masonic Safety Program at the Capital District Scottish Games on September 1st. They processed some twenty ID's.

There is to be a Hudson - Champlain Ritual Competition the subject will be the Great Lights Lecture from the First Degree. The contestants for the Albany District will be decided by a competition at Van Rensselaer on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM. Two representatives will be decided by a judging and prizes will be awarded. Each lodge will send no more than two contestants.

The regional competition will be on April 12, at 2:00 PM at the Troy Masonic Community Center, 39 Brunswick Road.

There is a new web-page for the Albany District it is still in development. The address is <http://groups.google.com/group/albany-masonic-district?hl=en>.

Future plans:

District 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, but much different than last year. This will be a third degree present by Guttenburg Lodge for a maximum of six Brothers. The first part will be conducted by brothers from the district and the Hiram Legend done by the degree team from Moosup Lodge 113 in Connecticut.

A mock funeral service for practice, especially for large funerals such as we had this summer.

A District Table Lodge at the end of the year, probably at the Fort Orange Club in the beginning of June. This will not be a tiled event.

### First DDGM Visit

The first Deputy District Grand Master visit was October 7. R.: W.: John Scott began with a heartfelt and moving tribute to R.: W.: Fred Frederickson. He then presented the Master's message titled "The Art of Apprenticeship", which was a treatise on discipleship. He looked at the subject both from the disciples point of view and

the teachers point of view especially as it relates to masons.

The message was also a history of Berne lodge and its work in the hill towns.

**Schedule of District Deputy Grand Master Visits**

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

**Masters and Wardens Schedule**

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

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# Brotherhood Fund

This last spring, as a recently raised Brother of the Craft, I saw for the first time the election and installation of new officers of our Lodge- beautiful and democratic ceremonies far older than our very Republic. Through the power then vested in our new Master, W. Kenneth M. White, I was also made our Wadsworth #417's Chairman of the Brotherhood Trust Fund. This task is new, challenging and exciting, and I will do everything I can to fill the shoes of our past Chairman, Brother Ed Kosinki, who I thank for all of his past work with the Fund, as well as for helping me to get a grasp on my new duties.

I can think of no more exciting time to have inherited this position. Just last week, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory released a study on two drugs found 85% effective at combating atrial fibrillation, a type of heart arrhythmia that is the leading cause of strokes, and affects over 2.7 million Americans. As the Lab's discovery now enters clinical trials, we can hope to look forward to longer, more fruitful lives for countless individuals, helped in part by generous Brotherhood Fund contributions from Masons across New York.

But, as most Brothers know, the Research Laboratory is just one of the Great Jewels of Grand Lodge, together with our Masonic Care Community and the Livingston Masonic Library.

Even that is not all; Brotherhood Fund donations help support youth programs such as DeMolay International, and young girls' groups like Constellation of Junior Stars, the Organization of Triangles and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Many Brothers in serious need have also received emergency financial help through the Benevolence Endowment Fund.

People from around the Capital District will also have encountered the Masonic Safety ID Program- an ingenious program that provides free fingerprints, photos and other identifying materials for children and seniors, to be shared with law enforcement in the event they go missing. Over 360,000 children have received these services, supported in part by Brotherhood Fund donations.

Donating to the Brotherhood Fund, as you can tell by now, is a beautiful thing. This year, I hope to be able to keep our Lodge informed on the Fund's continuing work, and in turn inspire the generous among us to give to their favorite programs. If you are interested, or have any questions about the Fund, I hope you will contact me at (518) 848 7188 or at [dsardiouk@gmail.com](mailto:dsardiouk@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from all of you. Peace and harmony prevailing, Brother Denis Serdiouk, Brotherhood Chairman

## Poet's Corner:

### The Train Ride

July 1995

The train leaves New York City at the closing of the day.  
You sit beside the window as the trip gets under way.

It rumbles over city streets on railroads in the air,  
Past windows of the tenements that sit in disrepair.

The train is going faster now, you feel the speed increase.  
The city starts to fade away and stress begins to cease.

The conductor gathers tickets unaffected by the sway.  
You know he's done this many times before this trip today.

You could fight the Thruway traffic as so many people do,  
But a train ride up the Hudson will weave a spell on you.

The Catskill mountains seem to shine before the setting sun.  
The river glows in twilight and you know the day is done.

A tugboat plies the river with it's barges all in tow.  
Deckhands go about their jobs where river breezes blow.

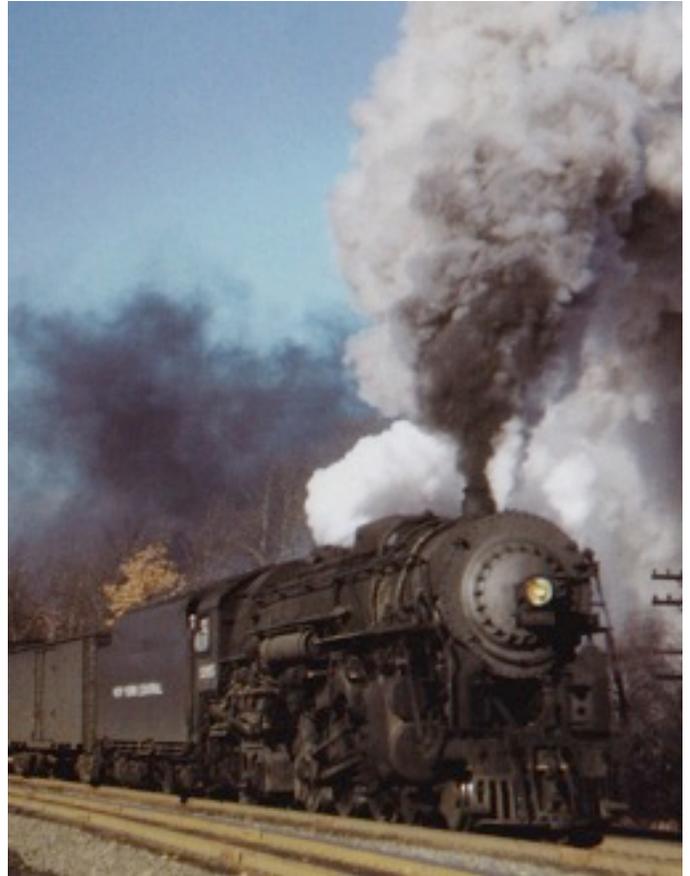
The train now hurtles through the night, it has an eerie feel.  
It follows tracks that lead it north like ribbons made of steel.

The moonlight on the water and the buoy's blinking lights,  
Make it seem like paradise, these quiet peaceful nights.

Now the train is slowing and the skyline comes in view,  
I see the lights of Albany and know the trip is through.

That skyline cross the river is a special place for me.  
That's where I was born and raised and where I want to be.

W.: William E. Ogren



Steven R. Payne

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## Tales of the Ring

This tale is from W.: Paul Bailey.

During the Summer my uncle would commute from his job in Foxboro, MA to our cottage on Cape Cod. One morning he was running a little late. And as luck would have it he was pulled over for speeding. He handed his paperwork through the window.

The officer noticed his ring. He said "I see you have done some traveling."

My uncle answered "Yes and apparently some of it to fast."

To which the officer answer "Relax Brother Cushing I am going to give you a warning."

# Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars

On October 26 is the second Deputy District Grand Master visit. This time it will be at Noah Lodge No. 784 in Altamont.

Come out enjoy a lovely ride through the Fall foliage and support our Brother R.:W.: John Scott. You have heard John speak before and you know the message will be fascinating. We won the Traveling Gavel at the last visit, lets try to keep it.

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On October 27 is our Awards Night Program. It will also be preceded by a reasonably priced dinner prepared by Brother Bob Joel and V.:W.: Ray Gaul.

We will be honoring many of our Brothers for there various terms of Service to the Fraternity. From the young members with five years of service up to the brothers that have toiled in the quarries of life for upwards of sixty years.

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W.: Paul Bailey will also be receiving his Past Masters apron for his past year of service as Master. Keep in mind that this is an Open Meeting, ladies, friends and family are encouraged to attend and see their loved ones and friends receive their awards. Please come out and support our Brothers.

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Sunday November 7 is the annual Veteran's Day visit to Veterans Hospital. Meet in the 3rd floor auditorium at 1 PM.

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November 16 is the third Deputy District Grand Master visit. This time it will be at Bethlehem Lodge. Typically dinner is at a local restaurant prior to the meeting. Contact the Master R.:W.: Al Lewis for additional information at 439-3931 or [alewis73@verizon.net](mailto:alewis73@verizon.net).

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It is time for dues again. Brother Martin is preparing the dues statements for this year. If you are in the arrears now is a good time to catch up.

# Parting Shots:

BIRTHDAYS DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER	
Name	Date
Harry . Odabashian	November 19, 1916
Jack . Brodie	October 17, 1924
Luther H. Dyer Jr	November 23, 1924
Walter E. Rawlings	November 25, 1925
Ben F. Froggett	November 1, 1938
Charles J. Semowich	October 10, 1949
William F. Murray	November 14, 1952
Donald R. Morrell Jr	November 20, 1960
Andrew M. Barrell	October 16, 1964
Jeremy W. Clauser	November 12, 1974
David W. Jurkowski	November 24, 1974
Donald G. Nagel, Jr.	November 25, 1975
Raymond I. Abrams,III	October 1, 1980
Cullen C. Kasunic	October 6, 1980
Matthew R. Allan	October 10, 1980
Osiris . Rodriguez	November 12, 1985

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.