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Under the Master's Hat

My Brothers,

The New Year has arrived and I hope all are in good health and having a wonderful start to the year. If any brothers are in need or know of any who need our help and assistance please keep me informed.

The masonic year, up to now, has been somewhat relaxed and full of fellowship opportunities. Our annual bell ringing service for the Salvation Army was well attended and very successful.

The veteran in service night was held on the twenty-fifth of January and was well attended. The night began with another great dinner planned and executed by Junior Warden Ed Kosinski. We enjoyed the music of our own Bro. Charles Semowich followed by the Skip Parsons trio. The highlight of the night for me was the privilege of honoring the members of our lodge. During the presentation of each of the certificates I couldn't help but admire all of the things these brothers have done for the Lodge. Some more than others **but all** have



stretched the cable tow as much as possible. I thank all of the brothers that were present in body or spirit for all of their hard work. The Lodge is a much better place because of the things you all have done.

Thank you Tim Martin for all of the work you did with the preparation of the evening's program and the certificates. The work as always was impeccable.

I mentioned the lodge year has been somewhat relaxed up till now. The remainder of the year is filled with lots to do. The successful "Brother bring a Friend" along with work by some of our brothers has provided us with a second class of candidates for the year. I have modified the trestle board for the remainder of the year to account for the additional degrees and practices. One of the greatest feelings is having your own son send in a petition. My son James has petitioned for membership. I know now how my father felt in Florida when I called and told him I was joining Wadsworth Lodge. Our own

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UNDER THE MASTER'S HAT (CONT'D)

John Scotts' son Matthew is also one of the petitioners. Brothers I'm looking forward to welcoming the new candidates into the fraternity. Please join me in providing them with a memorable journey into Masonry.

I will be looking for all to help with the rest of this year's work on the trestle board.

Some of the other events around the district include: The Grand Lodge trip in May, the bowling tournament, and the District Table Lodge. Keep an eye

on the district web page for other events that are happening. The events make great opportunities for Masonic fellowship.

See you soon at a Lodge Meeting

God Bless

Bruce

Trestle Board for Communications

Wadsworth Lodge F&AM No. 417

Open Meeting Presentations

September 14, 2011	Business Meeting and Welcome Back
September 28, 2011*	Distinguish Service Dinner (Open Meeting)
October 12, 2011	Business Meeting
October 26, 2011	Brother Bring a friend night
November 9, 2011	Business Meeting and Petitions
November 23, 2011	Lodge Dark
December 14, 2011	Opening and Closing The Lodge
December 28, 2011	Lodge Dark
January 11, 2012	Business Meeting
January 25, 2012	Veterans in Service (Awards Night)
February 8, 2012*	First Degree (Past Masters)
February 22, 2012	Business Meeting - Ballot on Candidates
February 29, 2012*	First Degree for Second set of Candidates
March 14, 2012*	Second Degree - First Set of Brothers
March 28, 2012	Second Degree - Second Set of Brothers (Move Up Night)
April 11, 2012*	Third Degree - First Set of Brothers
To Be Determined*	Third Degree - Second Set of Brothers
April 25, 2012*	DDGM (John's Homecoming)
May 9, 2012	Annual Reports
May 23, 2012*	Election and Installation of Officers

* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

Sickness and Distress:

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Donald Munro

Became a Mason September 10, 1947

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on September 24, 1947

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 12, 1947

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High August 31, 2011**

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Rufus Gould

Became a Mason January 12, 1955

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on February 23, 1955

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 23, 1955

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High January 19, 2012**

Glad Tidings:

R. : W. : James L. Fuller is recovering from recent successful knee surgery.

Bro. Ken Rouse, Retired Sergeant Major, who presently lives in Heidelberg, Germany and with dual affiliation with the ACGL, Germany / Alt Heidelberg #821 happily reports that after an absence of 10 years he has returned to Community Theater with the Roadside Theater in Heidelberg, Germany and was cast in the role of 'Joe Keller' in the Arthur Miller drama "All My Sons," for which *"I was nominated for Best Actor in a Drama in the 2011 US Army - Europe*

Tournament of Plays. I didn't win, unfortunately but as they say, "the play's the thing". Also, he is happy to say that he is a founding member of Emirat Shrine in Heidelberg. He wishes to pass on Fraternal Greetings to all the Brothers at Wadsworth #417 and to wish them Happy Holidays. A special hello to R. : W. :s James Fuller and Steve King.

Bro. Aaron W. Gladd has completed his basic training . He has been assigned to Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Bro. Bob Joel has returned the area from Maine and will be rejoining in the Lodge. Welcome back Bob.

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.

Reminder of 2012 Lodge Dues:

For Brothers who have met their obligation – Thank you. For others please remit your dues as soon as possible. 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 for **Regular members** shall be \$67.50 (this includes \$30 to Grand Lodge) while **Life members** annual dues shall be \$30.

The annual dues is payable in advance by the first Stated Communication in December of each year.” 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.

In keeping with the practice established by the Grand Lodge of New York, Wadsworth Lodge will continue to remit the Lodge Dues on behalf of those Brothers who are shown to be on **Active Military Duty** as of January 1, 2011. Without documentation please pay dues in full. There is a procedure for applying for this remittance, and any brother who is on active duty who wants to apply for remittance of their dues must communicate with Brother Tim Martin, Secretary, 7 Burtonwood Place, Delmar, NY, 12054 telephone number: 518-439-7998 e-mail: timmartin12054@gmail.com Each Lodge Secretary must obtain from the qualifying member who is on **Active Military Duty** as of **JANUARY 1, 2012, ONE** of the following: **a) a photocopy of the Brother's Military Orders;** or **b) a photocopy of his Military Identification Card;** or **c) a letter on Official Military Stationary from the CO or other military authority attesting to the fact that the Brother is on active military duty.** All documentation can be e-mailed as “attachment”, or sent regular “US Postal Service”.

Around the District:

District Deputy Grand Master Visits

Berne	10/06/11	Mt. Vernon	02/06/12
Noah	10/25/11	Masters	03/12/12
Bethlehem	11/15/11	Van Rensselaer	04/12/12
Ancient Temple	12/06/11	Wadsworth	04/25/12
Guttenberg	01/05/12	(John's Homecoming)	

Masters and Wardens Schedule

Van Rensselaer	09/21/11	Masters	02/15/12
Mt. Vernon	10/19/11	Ancient Temple	03/21/12
Noah	11/16/11	Guttenberg	04/18/12
Wadsworth	01/18/12	Bethlehem	06/20/12

District Deputy Visits

R.: W.: John Scott continued his Lodge visits with a message at Ancient Temple entitled the Forget Me Not. This alluded to the flower worn in the lapels of German Masons during World War II, since the Nazi party was hunting Masons and taking possession of their property. He began by talking about doing the bare minimum and where the fraternity would be if our forefathers had not given their all in support of the Craft. He finished by bringing home the Grand Master's message of doing our best to support our distressed Brothers.

At his visit to Guttenburg Lodge he admonished us “not to weary of well doing”. He looked back on things that were done by Masons for the betterment of

mankind especially in his hometown of Dunkirk, NY. He also looked at how things are today and how much harder it can be to do the same kind of things today. He made a point as is his usual manner by looking at the host lodge and their accomplishments.

Bell Ringing

All of the lodges in the District participated and donate over 200 person-hours.

Ritual Event

The District competition will be held at a location and time that is yet to be determined. Possibly at the Temple on March 21st. The Hudson-Champlain Region will again be holding a ritual event this year. The event this year will be held at Van Rensselaer Lodge No. 87 on March 24th.

Poet's Corner:

Happy New Year!
Welcome to 2012
Another fresh new year is here . . .
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest . . .
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!

- William Arthur Ward



Tales of the Ring

This tale is from an experience that Drew Millier had during a trip to Maine for a wedding this summer.

While on a trip to Maine to attend a friends wedding this past September, I had the privilege of meeting some Brothers in my travels. While waiting in line at the famous Red's Eats for their famous lobster rolls, I heard from behind me, "I see you're a traveling man." to which I replied in the affirmative. Turns out that it was a Brother from a Lodge in Manhattan and another from a Lodge in Long Island. Later that day at the rehearsal

dinner, one of the guests said the same thing to me and it turns out that he was from the local Lodge in Camden, ME. The brides father also noticed my ring and introduced me to a family friend from a Lodge in Massachusetts who founded the Masonic Angels Program! It was unexpected but certainly welcome to meet so many Brothers from various jurisdictions in one weekend.



In Support of the Troops:

“THE SOLDIERS NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS”

(this version)

By Major Bruce W. Lovely

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone
In a one bedroom house made of plaster & stone.

I had come down the chimney with presents to give
And to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind
A sober thought came through my mind.

For this house was different, so dark and dreary,
I knew I had found the home of a soldier, once I could
see clearly.

I heard stories about them, I had to see more
So I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.

And there he lay sleeping silent alone,
Curled up on the floor in his one bedroom home.

His face so gentle, his room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured a United States soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean shaven, his weathered face tan,
I soon understood this was more than a man.

For I realized the families that I saw that night
Owed their lives to these men who were willing to fight.

Soon 'round the world, the children would play,
And grownups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the day,
Because of soldiers like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.

Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
“Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
My life is my God, my country, my Corps.”

With that he rolled over and drifted off into sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.



Awards Night:



5-Year Recipients Donovan White, Colonie and Drew Millier, Ballston Spa those not present were Joshua Pritt, Jacksonville, FL, Jeremy Clauser, Winston-Salem, NC and Niels C. Jorgensen, Albany.

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15 Year Recipients Raymond H. Gaul, Schenectady, Alan C. Garrison, Albany, Michael R. Gammans, Schenectady, those not present Justin E. Crocker, Oakdale, PA Paul Rosenblatt Sr, Catskill.

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20-Year Recipients Steve Conant, Glenmont, not present was Andrew Barrell, Niskayuna

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AWARDS NIGHT (CONT'D)

25-Year Recipients Kenneth M. White, Delmar and Geoffrey T. Hoderath, Albany those not present were Charles W. Haner, Saratoga Springs, John G. Milsop, Schenectady, and Donald L. Morrell, Jr., Latham.



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40-Year Recipients James J. Van der Wal, Chestertown, MD, not present was Mark H. Baubach, Voorhesville.



Stephen S. King , Albany, those not present were Donald D. Kingston, Clifton Park, Clair J. Miller, Leesburg, FL

AWARDS NIGHT (CONT'D)

50 Year Recipients Wilfred C. Baumann
Esperance and William T. OKeefe,
Castleton those not present were
Ward R. Jones Jr. Lehigh Acres, FL,
Charles E. Morris, Albany, Richard D.
Wark Apopka, FL Charles G. Wolz Jr.
Clifton Park.



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There were two other Brothers who did not make the festivities: Frederick P. Pettingell, Rensselaer, 35 Years and
Frederick Gillespie, Stephenville, TX, 60 Years



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Your Award Recipients for 2011

Meet the Officers:

In this addition we will meet the Senior and Junior Deacons:



Our Senior Warden this year is R. Victor Stewart. He was born in Schenectady on August 20, 1941. He moved to North Colonie at the age of 5 and was adopted at age 8.

His education began in the first and second grades at the Pitts one-room school, a building now used as a residence. He went to Shaker High and graduated in 1960 with the second graduating class.

Although he has had many and varied jobs over the years, for most of his life he has been a journalist of one sort or another. While living in western Michigan, he was a columnist for a local newspaper and the editor of a local literary/political magazine. In 1968, he joined the staff of the Albany Kickerbocker News where he worked for 14 years as a reporter and writing the outdoor column. While working at the newspaper he became active in the Newspaper Guild, eventually becoming the of the largest union in the plant. After leaving the newspaper, he worked as a speech writer

public relations specialist at the NY State Department of Labor. In 1986, he left the Labor Department to start his own public relations consulting practice specializing in labor relations and union communications. Since then he has been the managing editor of a newsletter for a consortium of Iron Worker local unions in the Greater New York City area. Locally he is a delegate to the Albany County Central Federation of Labor.

His interests are Volunteering in the Boy Scouts of America where he is the vice chair of the Albany District Committee, reading, fly fishing and politics.

He has been married to his wife Shirley for 42 years and they have one son who is a lawyer in Springfield, IL. They have three grandchildren.



Our Junior Deacon is Brother Paul Pfeiffer. He is from Poughkeepsie, where I was born and raised. Grew up playing all kinds of sports, still enjoy playing soccer and hockey.

Right now I work at Trustco Bank in Slingerlands where I am the Branch Manager.

For fun I enjoy going to see new movies as well as watching the classics. During the warmer weather I like to get out and go camping and hiking, and especially BBQ. I also enjoy cooking, always trying to make new things I've never had before.

Parting Shots:

BIRTHDAYS THAT OCCURRED DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Marvin Weslev Antenucci	December 1, 1954	Bernard Maskell Jr.	December 4, 1950
Fred W. Briggs	December 7, 1940	John L. Miller	January 27, 1959
Benjamin V. Conlon	January 22, 1948	Drew Millier	December 27, 1981
William R. Godell	December 13, 1959	Roger Alan Murphv	January 21, 1966
B. Robert Joel III	January 23, 1956	Ronald H. Noll	January 17, 1934
Carl N. Jurgensen	January 21, 1953	William Seth Roberts	January 23, 1977
Paul S. Kahian	December 24, 1952	Joseph Gary Rvmski	January 8, 1949
Edward S. Kosinski	January 19, 1945	Bruce Susser	December 29, 1956
Alfred Krueger Jr.	December 11, 1933	Leo Svnakowski	December 19, 1954
Daniel L. Lowenski	December 21, 1952	Kenneth M. White	January 26, 1955

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.

Happy

New

Year