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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

My Brothers, our new lodge year is about to begin. Two memorable events were held since our last meeting.

First, in June a Memorial Service was held for our Departed Right Worshipful Brother Dean Hotaling with a beautiful service organized by Worshipful Ken White. The service was well attended by Dean's family and many friends, as well as Brothers from Wadsworth Lodge.

Secondly, our annual bus trip, which was organized by our Resident Travel Agent W. : William Ogren, was a day trip to the Roosevelt National Historic Site at Hyde Park, New York for a guided tour of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Presidential Library, Home and Museum. After touring this historic site it was on to the Culinary Institute of America where we were treated to a gourmet lunch at the American

Bounty Restaurant. After lunch we were given a guided tour of the world's premier culinary college. A good time was had by all. On our journey back home we were already looking forward to next year's bus trip. Brother Ogren and his wife Carol never disappoint us with their wonderful trips. Thank you Bill and Carol!

We have a new line of Officers this year and hopefully we will see many of our brothers at our scheduled meetings (refer to our trestle board). Everyone including myself is eager to get our meetings underway.

Remember, Masonry takes Good Men and makes them Better. Let's all help each other with this pledge by our friendship and camaraderie, both in lodge and at home.

May God Bless
Fraternally
ED.



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Trestle Board for Communications

Wadsworth Lodge F&AM No. 417

September 11, 2013	Open Meeting Welcome Back -
September 25, 2013*	Brother Bring a Friend Night
October 09, 2013 *	Years of Service Awards Night
October 23, 2013 *	1 st Degree – <i>Past Masters in charge</i>
November 13, 2013	Open Meeting
November 27, 2013 *	2 nd Degree
December 11, 2013 *	Holiday Gathering –“ <i>Toys for Children</i> ” Dinner
December 25, 2013	Lodge Dark for Holiday Observance
January 8, 2014 *	3 rd Degree
January 22, 2014	Pool Tournament to Benefit Brotherhood Fund - <i>\$5 to Brotherhood Fund & \$5 for Collation</i>
February 12, 2014 *	1 st Degree
February 26, 2014	Open Meeting
March 12, 2014 *	2 nd Degree
March 26, 2014	Tiled DD Visit
April 9, 2014 *	3 rd Degree
April 23, 2014*	Open Meeting
May 14, 2014 *	Reports Night
May 28, 2014 *	Elections, Appointments & Installation of Officers
June Communications	TBA

(Practice Nights on Wednesdays, ONE WEEK Before Degree Night at 7:00p.m.)

Sickness and Distress:

Sheila Gammans, wife of Past Master Michael Gammans, was admitted to Memorial Hospital on August 18th with a fever of 103 degrees. The infection may be rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, but know definitive diagnosis was made. She was released on August 22nd and is back at work.

W.∴ Bill O’Keefe is in St. Peter’s Hospital undergoing chemotherapy for liver cancer. During his stay he also had emergency surgery for a perforated ulcer. Regretfully his stay ended with him passing away on September 1st.

Brother Ben Froggett has been informed that he is no longer on the kidney recipient list because of his age. He is able to do his daily activities, but then must undergo dialysis in his home during the night.

Bro. Eric Phoenix, *Steward*, received notice that his father passed away Saturday, August 24, 2013. Our hearts are heavy with the sad news and the Brothers of Wadsworth extend deepest condolences to him and his family. Brother Phoenix was extremely proud to learn that Eric became a MM on April 13, 2013.

Glad Tidings:

August 10 Brother Cullen Kasunic return from a visit to India.

Billy Kress, R.:W.: Bill Ogren's grandson, spent his last year at Camp Turk as a camper. However, who knows he may be back next year as a Junior Councilor.

Charlie Symowich, Rensselaer's Historian, has a new book out. It is a paperback featuring historic images of Rensselaer.



IN MEMORIAM

Bro. David W. Osterhout

Became a Mason January 9, 1963

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on February 13, 1963

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 13, 1963

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High June 1, 2013**

IN MEMORIAM

W.: William T. O'Keefe

Became a Mason September 26, 1961

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on October 10, 1961

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 14, 1961

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High September 1, 2013**

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.

Dues Increase

No it is not that time again, however Brother Martin has asked that we publish this reminder to avoid sticker shock when the time comes.

At the Annual Communication of Wadsworth Lodge No. 417 on May 22, 2013 all Brothers in attendance voted in favor of changes to the By-Laws applying to dues, fees, and

assessment increases to take effect with the 2013-14 billing year. The break down is as follows:
Life Members' Grand Lodge assessment will be **\$44 Total for 2013-14** (\$10 administrative fee would be added to \$34 GL Assessment for 2013-14
Regular Member Lodge dues will be **\$134 Total for 2013-14** (\$100 Wadsworth Dues plus \$34 GL Assessment)

It should be noted this is the first increase in Lodge dues since 1995. Any increases noticed since then have been exclusively from Grand Lodge per capita assessments, over which we have no control. The negative impact of the recession on the Lodge endowment over the past five years, coupled with the unfortunate passing of many Brothers over the same period, necessitates these changes. They will help protect the financial future of the Lodge while keeping us within the dues range of other Lodges in the District.

Around the District:

District Deputy Grand Master Visits

Noah	10/08/13	Ancient Temple	02/18/14
Berne	10/17/13	Wadsworth	03/26/14
Bethlehem	11/19/13	Masters	04/14/14
Van Rensselaer	01/23/13	Guttenberg	05/01/14
Mt. Vernon	02/03/14	(Bob's Homecoming)	

Masters and Wardens Schedule

Van Rensselaer	09/18/13	Masters	02/19/14
Mt. Vernon	10/16/13	Ancient Temple	03/19/14
Noah	11/20/13	Guttenberg	04/16/14
Wadsworth	01/15/14	Bethlehem	06/18/14

Masonic Safety Program

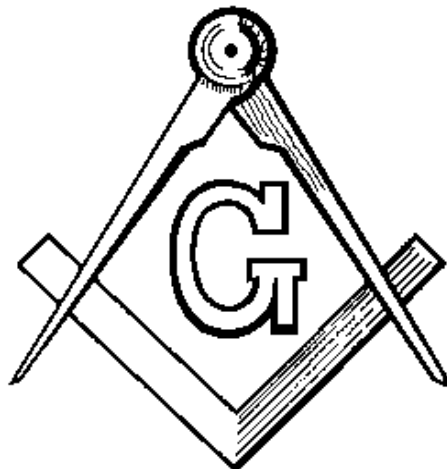
We were unable to perform an event this year at Clarksville Historic Days. Since Ray is leaving the area in the not to distant future the District needs another person to take over the responsibilities for the equipment and scheduling.

Masonic Veterans Day

This year even more than last year will be concerned with Veterans. W.: Dan Brady and R.: W.: Bob Baker are planning a Masonic Veterans Day on November 6, 2013 at the Temple. Letters and forms have gone out to the lodges to identify those brothers that are veterans. Here are a couple of important excerpts from the letter: "We need to first identify our current members of the craft

who have served or are serving in the Military. You need not have served during wartime to be honored." and "He must have been regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned and who, at any time in the past was, or hereafter shall be, accepted into and serve in the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Air Force, or any other federal armed force that, by Federal law or regulation or by laws of the State of New York may be accorded veteran status."

If you have not received the letter or the form please contact W.: Dan Brady at 518-813-8350 or emailed at bradyd1977@gmail.com. He needs to compile his information by October 1st.



Poet's Corner:

Grandpa's Wooden Chest

I hated to hear the lawyer say
The things my grandpa gave away.
Like his old truck to Dad and Mom
And world war medals to Uncle John

My name was called
And something was said
About an old wooden box
Underneath his bed.

Just a worn out chest
With a rusty hinge
But I knew Grandpa kept
Something special within.

When I opened the lid
All I could see
Were some unused tools
And a letter to me.

A large fancy cloth
With two long strings
A small wooden hammer
Among other things

He wrote a man's job
Is to be a good husband father and a friend.
I built my life as best I could
By the tools laid here within.

He said the compasses remind me that life has
boundaries
So live your life within
The square proves true and so should you
When dealing with all your friends.

Be an honorable man and walk uprightly
According to the plumb.
The level teaches us treat all men equal
Instead of only some.

And now it's your turn
To start your journey for knowledge, love and faith
So live your life by the Square and Compasses
And tools of your trade

Many years have passed by since I first opened
Grandpa's wooden chest
The tools he gave me, the words he wrote
The challenge to be my best.

Today I'll visit Grandpa
At the place where he was laid
To let him know he can be proud
I'm a Master of my trade.

Contributed by J. Robert Welsh
Author unknown



Tales of the Ring

I remember when I was a teenager my Grandfather had passed away. Several months after, my grandmother sat with me and told me some stories about my Grandfather. She told me that he was a Freemason. I always knew that he was a Freemason. What I found out when I became a Freemason was that there are more sons and grandsons of Masons than there are members in the Fraternity today. I have personally spoken to many of my friends about becoming a Mason. Their first response is usually, "Oh, my Grandfather was a Mason." There are many men out there whose Grandfathers were Freemasons, just like mine.

The Brotherhood that existed when my Grandfather was a Freemason does not appear to exist today, therefore, we need to go "in search of brotherhood" and find out what happened to it. Let me give you an example. During the 1930's my Grandfather lived in New York City. He had a daughter and she owned a dog. In New York City in the 1930's your dog had to be leashed any time it was taken outside. If not and reported to the police, they would arrive at your home with an order to take the dog to the pound to be put to sleep. A harsh penalty but it was the middle of the depression. Well, one day the dog got out without it's leash. A day or so later a policeman was knocking on the door and told my Grandfather that they received a report that the dog was outside without a leash. Under the law the dog had to be taken.

Of course the child, all of 6 years old, was in tears because she opened the door and let the dog out. The policeman noticed my Grandfather's Masonic ring, they had a conversation and identified each other as Freemasons. That police officer, that night, brought over to the house a dog that looked similar to my grandfather's dog. It was of the same breed. The next morning the police officer arrived at the house and in the witness of the neighbors he took the dog

away (the one that the officer brought to the house that night).

This policeman risked his job to help a fellow Master Mason. During the depression you took your employment quite seriously. Before that meeting at the house these two men did not know each other. After this incident they became extremely good friends for the rest of their lives.

Another example was in 1928 when my Grandfather established his millinery business. Unfortunately, in 1929 the depression commenced and in November of that year he was in need of cash to keep the business going. So he went to the bank. Well, at that time the banks were not willing to lend money. Many were either folding or getting very close to folding. The banker whom my grandfather spoke with knew that his business was doomed to fail. But he noticed his Masonic ring. They spoke for a time and the banker, a Mason, made a loan to him. The banker well knew that he could loose his job because he gave a loan to a business that was destined for failure. But he did it anyway. The business did indeed fail 6 months later. My Grandfather was so indebted to his Brother Mason, the banker, that he paid back the entire loan to the bank. It took him 15 years to pay the bank and since his business failed he was not legally obligated. But morally, and masonically, he felt that he was obligated to help the Brother who helped him.

If you could go back and talk to men who were Masons during these years you would find similar stories about Masons helping each other. Do you have these same stories today? Well, I became a Mason at the end of 1984. In 1985 I took a trip to New Jersey for the weekend. As I drove home, with my wife and 6 month old child, the car overheated. I pulled off to the side of the road, raised the hood of the car and put out a white flag. As a newly raised Master Mason, I was proud to be a Mason and had all of the "decorations" on my car. A Masonic license



plate and the auto tags for Blue Lodge and Consistory were proudly displayed. No car stopped for the first 15 minutes that we sat there. I counted numerous cars with Masonic auto tags and license plates zooming by us. I was astonished when I realized that over 24 cars passed me with these auto tags and Masonic license plates and none of them stopped to help me. A little bit later a car came to a stop and backed up toward us. It was an out of state license plated car with a Masonic emblem. A man got out of the car came toward me and asked me if he could help. We looked at the situation, we put some water in the radiator and he followed me 100 miles until I got off the turnpike and he went on his way.

I think that it is terrific that we have the Brotherhood in the Fraternity and that a Brother stopped to help me. But why did 24+ other Brethren pass me by? These were Brethren inside my own jurisdiction. It took a Brother from outside my jurisdiction to finally lend a hand. You would think a Brother of my own jurisdiction would be the first to stop and help. This is a sign of the decay of the Brotherhood that once existed in Freemasonry.

I also worked for a Mason in 1986 and we had a situation where a new boss was brought in and we found ourselves both reporting to this new man. We were both very upset about the situation and did not like this new man. We spoke on the level and square about the things we didn't like. In confidence I told him that I was going to look for other employment. I was called into the new boss's office one day and was astonished when the new boss told me that he was told that I was looking for other employment and that he would be more than willing to help me out (of course fire me on the spot). My Brother, the Freemason, told my new boss about my intentions. My new boss directly told me that my Masonic Brother told him of my intentions. I was shocked. Where was the Brotherhood in this situation? My Brother redirected the new boss away from him and towards me. Our confidential discussion was used against me to the benefit of my Brother.

It is not all that bleak out there in the Fraternity. I can also give you some positive stories about Brotherhood in Freemasonry. I have become good friends with a Brother of the Craft who was willing to come to my assistance without any regard for himself. What I am trying to show is that this type of courageous Brotherly assistance is not as prevalent in today's, 1990's Freemasonry, as it was in the Freemasonry of the 1930's. The over majority of Freemasons will not "take the risk" to assist a Brother as they did years ago.

So, where was the Brotherhood? I could go on with many other examples. You can see the problems

with the Brotherhood in your Lodges. You see them by the development and maintenance of "cliques." You see it when the newly raised Master Mason sits by himself at a meeting. You hear it when one Brother back stabs another Brother in idle gossip. Is this truly Brotherhood. It is want Freemasonry is all about today?

The leaders of the Fraternity must develop methods of reinstating the Brotherhood that once existed. Here a few ideas:

1. Eliminate the cliques that exist in your Lodge. You must be able to identify a clique in the Lodge. A clique is when you see a group of men who sit together all the time. Whether it be in the dining hall, Lodge room or at a social event. They are always sitting together. If you close your eyes and imagine your Lodge room and you can see the same group of men sitting together, in the same location of the Lodge room, then you have cliques. All Lodges have them. Cliques do not allow the newly raised Master Mason to assimilate into the Lodge, unless they are a friend of the men already in a click. Elimination of the situation is possible by having the Worshipful Master rap up the Brethren, at the beginning of the meeting, and have them all find new seats in the Lodge, sitting next to different Brethren. Don't allow them to sit in the same old place with the same people. At your dinners and social functions use assigned seating. You can mix up the Brethren so that they are forced to meet other Masons. They will feel very uncomfortable the first few times. But they will get used to it and meet some new members at the same time. This will help break the cliques.

2. Have education sessions about what Brotherhood is. Have discussions in the Lodge about what Brotherhood is and how we can show it on a daily basis. Brotherhood does not begin or end when the man is inside the Lodge building. If Freemasonry is a way of life then we all must live it inside and outside of the Lodge building.

3. Never ever let a new member sit alone! We give Masonic Ritual instruction to our newly raised Master Mason. Why not assign him a "Big Brother?" This Big Brother would take the newly raised Master Mason into the Lodge room for that critical first meeting. He would explain to him the ritual that is about to happen and the simple things like "so mote it be" after a prayer. It is imperative that you help the Mason who is attending his first stated meeting to feel at home and certainly not allow him to be embarrassed about coming to Lodge. The Big Brother would insure that the new

Summer Bus Trip



This year's Bus Trip was a Friday Affair, but still well attended. It began with a visit to Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and National Historic Site. The group was conducted on a guided tour of the library and mansion.

Afterward they went to Culinary Institute of America, also in Hyde Park and not to be confused with the other CIA. It is a full fledged educational institution specializing in the training of chefs and restaurant staff not only in the art of cooking, but in presentation and restaurant management.

They were treated to a petite lunch consisting of an Arugula salad with roma tomatoes and fresh Mozzarella served with a Basil Pesto and Lemon Oil. The entree was Lemon Rosemary Chicken, with Shreded Potato Cake, Wilted Spinach, Crispy Carrots in Lemon Chive Butter. Dessert was a Berry Cobbler with Vinallia Ice Cream.

After lunch the group was given a tour through the baking facilities of the School.

Masons at the Museum

The Albany Institute of History & Art is organizing an exhibition called, *The Mystery of the Albany Mummies*, opening September 21, 2013 and on view until June 8, 2014. In 1909 Albany Institute board member Samuel Brown purchased two coffin bottoms and two mummies dating from the 21st Dynasty and Ptolemaic periods from the Cairo Museum. The Albany Institute's mummies and coffins have been on view ever since and remain the museum's most popular collections. New research has determined that the 21st Dynasty mummy cover and coffin lid of the elaborately decorated 21st Dynasty coffin, which belonged to Ankhefenmut, a priest in the temple of Mut, are in the collections of British Museum and Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, Austria, respectively. The centerpiece of the exhibition will be the reunification of three coffin pieces associated with the 21st Dynasty sculptor and priest Ankhefenmut for the first time in over 100 years. Furthermore, new CT scans and X-rays of our mummies in March 2012 determined that our female mummy is a male, and based on other

evidence Egyptologists now believe that we also own Ankhefenmut's mummy. A documentary film will highlight this discovery and focus on the intersection of science, technology, and the humanities in pursuit of new scholarship.

To complement the museums' collection, the exhibition will be enhanced with major national and international loans from the British Museum, American Natural History Museum, the Semitic Museum, the Brooklyn Museum, the Kunsthistorisches Museum, the Metropolitan Museum, the Museum in Fine Arts in Boston, the Michael C. Carlos Museum of Emory University, and several private collections.

To this end the Museum is going to borrow the Egyptian Revival Table for the exhibition. It is a terrific example of this type of late nineteenth century furniture with a fascinating Albany history. The table will be a featured piece in the Egyptomania section of the exhibition.

for more information follow this link:

<http://www.albanyinstitute.org/ge-presents-the-mystery-of-the-albany-mummies.html>



Pool Nights at the Temple

So far for a couple of Monday nights in August Brother Doug Kantowitz has organized a pool night get together. The attendance has been modest only a half a dozen or so, but it is a start.

Confetti Stage

Confetti Stage is a local production company that puts on primarily locally written plays. They rent space on the top floor of the Albany Temple to rehearse and present their productions. This has been an arrangement since John Scott was our Master, especially since the Lynn Scott is associate with the company.

There last production for the current season is Confetti Fest 9. Confetti Fest 9 is an annual short play festival featuring original works by Capital District playwrights.

The plays will be presented on October 18-19, 24-26 at 7:30pm and a matinee on October 20 at 2pm.

This year's selections are:

Agnes' Birthday by Valerie Kavanaugh (Averill

Park)

Casting Call by Matthew Side (Albany)

Bookmark by Stephen Henel (Albany)

Face the Music and Dance by Lauren Ogden (Corinth)

Mirror Bowl by Sunny da Silva (Averill Park)

Miss Dickinson Entertains at Home by Marty Egan (Clifton Park)

The Man Upstairs by Fred Sahner (Columbia County)

Violence in the Workplace by Justin Alvis (Troy)

Follow the link <http://confettistage.org/> for more information and upcoming plays.

Editor's Note

The paper is produced using Macintosh Pages Software the default font for that program is called Hoefler Text. This year we have changed the font for the paper to Times New Roman in 12 point type for the articles themselves. We would appreciate it if contributors whenever possible produce their contributions in that font with indented paragraphs and no spaces.

Parting Shots:

Birthdays of Brothers from May to August			
Kenneth H. Ahsmuhs	July 17, 1923	Amos C. Kim	June 18, 1982
Wilfred Baumann	June 7, 1929	Stephen S. King	August 30, 1950
Victor Keith Caldwell	August 22, 1955	Bryon Edward Koshgarian	May 22, 1965
Daniel N. Chedid	May 16, 1979	Elmer C. Krichbaum Jr.	May 26, 1925
Steven Martin Conant	June 24, 1958	Gary A. Loeb	June 25, 1954
William H. Conroy Jr.	May 15, 1933	Timothy M. Martin	July 2, 1947
Michael Stephen Drooker	July 20, 1942	Daniel K. Mazz	July 5, 1986
Scott J. Elwood	July 26, 1975	Charles E. Morris	May 4, 1930
James L. Fuller	June 21, 1931	Lawrence Murphy	May 27, 1960
Alan C. Garrison	August 14, 1954	William O'Keefe	May 24, 1933
Stephen J. Garry	August 23, 1962	Joe P. Pozefsky	June 24, 1943
Raymond H. Gaul	August 1, 1949	Joshua R. Pritt	June 5, 1984
Frederick Gillespie	June 25, 1931	John G. Rhodes	August 21, 1980
Aaron W. Gladd	June 22, 1986	Paul Rosenblatt Sr.	August 25, 1946
Charles W. Haner	August 13, 1936	Scott Allen Sawyer	August 30, 1976
Culver F. Hayes Jr.	May 16, 1931	John W. Scott	July 16, 1955
Bruce N. Hazard	June 3, 1949	Matthew Williams Scott	August 13, 1987
Robert T. Hedgpeth	May 12, 1983	John H. Shelton	June 24, 1981
Geoffrey T. Hoderath	August 2, 1957	Leroy Paul Stevens	August 18, 1950
Brian E. Johnson	August 1, 1985	R. Victor Stewart	August 20, 1941
Curtis James Kammerer	June 23, 1980	Robert A. Weegar	January 3, 1980
Jean R. Karm	June 10, 1958	Norman E. Whitaker	June 14, 1941
Jesse William Kendall	August 31, 1981		

