

# The Sideliner

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## Under the Master's Hat

*Worshipful Master*

“Another year is over, and a new one has just begun.” 2013 was a very good year for our lodge, full of events to remember. In addition to our regular scheduled communications, we said good bye to several of our dearly departed Brothers, all whom will be truly missed. We said hello and welcome to four new Brothers. We celebrated friendship and Brotherly love on our annual summer trip and at our Christmas get together and dinner to collect toys for the boys and girls club.

This is time of the year when many of us make New Year resolutions, I believe, we as Master Masons, should reflect upon the past year and look forward to a new year, by bringing to mind all the



obligations we made when taking our three degrees. These obligations are a wonderful guide to help us all to conduct our lives as men who are looked up to with respect and esteem.

With all of us working together we will have a great 2014. To kick off the year we will have our annual “Pool tournament” combined with Brother bring a friend night. We already have four new petitions for membership, and will confer the degrees upon them in the up coming months.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the lodge at our regular scheduled communications.

Fraternally  
W. : Edward Kosinski

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## Trestle Board for Communications

Wadsworth Lodge F&AM No. 417

September 11, 2013	Scheduled Meeting - Welcome Back Brothers
September 25, 2013*	<u>Brother Bring a Friend Night</u>
October 9, 2013 *	<u>Years of Service Awards Night</u> Open to Family & Friends
October 23, 2013 *	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree – Past Masters in charge*
November 13, 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree *
November 27, 2013	Lodge Dark for Holiday Observance
December 11, 2013 *	Holiday Gathering – “Toys for Children” Dinner
December 25, 2013	Lodge Dark for Holiday Observance
<b><u>January 8, 2014</u></b>	Wednesday Meeting cancelled & moved to Saturday
January 11, 2014 *	Saturday, <b>Special Communication for Third Degree</b> and for such other business as may constitutionally be brought before it.*
January 22, 2014	Brother Bring A Friend Night & Brother Bring A Brother <u>Pool Tournament</u> to Benefit Brotherhood Fund - \$5 to Brotherhood Fund & \$5 for Collation
February 12, 2014	“Education Night” Read Petition or Interview Report
February 26, 2014	Open Meeting
March 12, 2014 *	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree*
March 26, 2014*	Tiled DD Visit*
April 9, 2014 *	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree*
April 23, 2014	Open Meeting
May 14, 2014*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree*
May 28, 2014 *	Annual Communication: Elections, Appointments & Installation of Officers
June 11, 2014	Reports Night : Master, Treas, Sec’y, Trustees, & Safe Deposit Box Audit
June 25, 2014	TBA

(Practice Nights on Wednesdays before Degree at 7:00p.m.

\* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

## Sickness and Distress:

Brother Treasurer Donovan White’s mother died. He was unable to return to the Philippines for her funeral. He will make a trip later this year to visit family. We are deeply saddened at this time and send our sympathy to Don and his family.

Brother Sanjay Chopra was seriously ill for the day of the Third Degree, Saturday, January 11. He was advised by his personal physician to rest and avoid activity in order to expedite his recovery.

## Glad Tidings:

W.: Leo Synakowski appears to be doing better. Unfortunately his tumor is very difficult to evaluate using imagery. It is in difficult location and has an unsymmetrical shape. However, since his mobility has improved the doctor is very confident that the treatments are working. He has one more treatment to undergo and then it is time to wait and see.

R.: W.: Ron Noll has one more treatment for his Macular Degeneration. However, the evaluation after the last treatment indicated that his sight may be at a plateau, so it is unlikely that he will regain all of his sight.

This memoriam is included for some of the older brothers who may remember David before he move to St. Joseph Lodge No. 4 in Johnstown

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### IN MEMORIAM

#### DAVID W. MCGRATTEN

Became a Mason on March 13, 1968

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on April 10, 1968

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 5, 1968

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

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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 2014 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 \$134.00 (this includes \$34 to Grand Lodge) while **Life members** annual dues shall be \$44.00.

The annual dues are 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 due, 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, 2014. 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](mailto:timmartin12054@gmail.com)

Each Lodge Secretary must obtain from the qualifying member who is on **Active Military Duty** as of **JANUARY 1, 2014**, 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

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

During November there was the annual visit to the

Stratton VA Hospital. In addition, R.:W.: Bob Baker recognized all of the Veterans in the District with a special program where each was presented with a certificate of appreciation (shown is a copy of Bill Ogren's) and a commemorative coin. The coin has The Square and Compass against a background of an American Flag on the front and the seal of the five services on the back.



## Poet's Corner:

### Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

By Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.



# Tales of the Ring

## **Masonic Ring Recovers Mules**

Wayne Flynt, distinguished historian at Auburn University, recalled the story of Horace King, an Alabama mulatto famous as a designer of bridges and fortifications for the Confederacy. Once he was captured by Union forces, who relieved him of his mules. King showed the Yankees his Masonic ring, and they turned him loose and gave him back his mules.

Professor Sirmon said a number of cases have been recorded in which Masons on one side of the war extended kindnesses to those on the other side.

## **Fraternizing at Vicksburg**

Two days after Vicksburg fell, Masons on both sides got together and held a meeting, he said. Confederate lodge members even assisted in the burial of the captain of one of the Union vessels used to capture the strategic town.

## **Dying Comfort at Gettysburg**

A Confederate general who died in Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg asked about a fellow Mason on the Union side. The Mason, an aide to a Union general, gave him dying comfort.

## **Rings Spare the Torch**

Professor Sirmon and Hardy Jackson, head of the History Department at Jacksonville State University in Alabama, said stories are plentiful about Southern plantation owners displaying Masonic rings or Aprons to marauding Yankee troops, who then obligingly left their plantations unharmed.

Jackson said he knows of no documents proving that Sherman's men spared the torch when confronted with Masonic symbols, but that you can find a number of plantation houses still standing where one would expect to find charred ruins.

## **A Mason Commanded the Hunley**

When Lt. George Dixon, commander of the CSS Hunley, boarded the little submarine on Feb. 17, 1864, he carried with him a badge from Mobile (Ala.) Lodge 40, A&FM. The Hunley sank the USS Housatonic that night, becoming the first submarine to sink an enemy vessel, but the badge went to the bottom of Charleston Harbor with its owner. They stayed there for 136 years. The Hunley was lifted off the bottom in August 2000.



## Holiday Gathering

The annual Holiday Party sponsored by Wadsworth Lodge was held at the Albany Masonic Temple with several brothers, their wives, significant others and friends attending.

The dinner was preceded by a cocktail hour gathering in the Kermani Library on the first floor where an assortment of appetizers was served.

As usual, each brother and guest was asked to bring a child's toy unwrapped to be donated for distribution by a charity.

Worshipful Master Ed Kosinski announced the toys would be given to the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Rensselaer County for distribution to needy families.

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## Third Degree

Four new brothers have been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Wadsworth Lodge No. 417 F&AM.

The new brothers are: Nicholas Blais, Kenneth Brown, Nicholas Jacobia and Kymir Pearson.

The raising ritual took place at the Albany Masonic Temple January 11 in an all-day event.

The brothers attending were treated to breakfast and lunch.

There were 22 brothers present for the ceremony which was performed in due and ancient form.

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## Meet the New Brothers

**Nicholas Blais** was born in Bennington, Vermont. He grew up in Hoosick Falls, New York, and now lives in Albany, New York. He graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with a B.S. in political science and now works for the New York State Assembly. His interests include American football, woodworking, history, straight shaving, survivalism, and entrepreneurship.

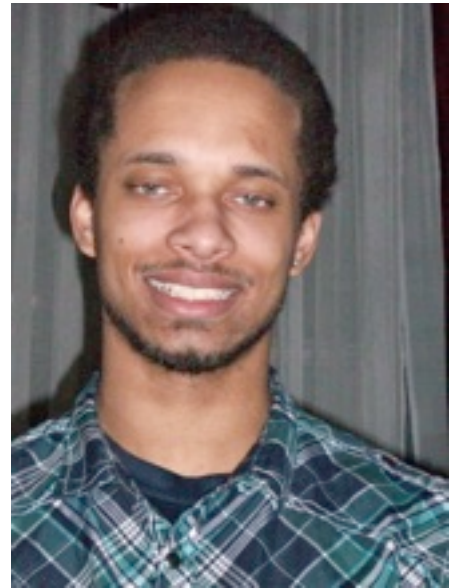


## Meet the New Brothers Cont'd



**Ken Brown** was born in Bay Shore, New York. He is 45 years old. He lives in East Greenbush He has a daughter named Kaitlin who is twelve years old. He has a Political Science degree and a degree in Engineering from Albright College in Reading, PA. He has worked in State government for the past twenty plus years. He is currently Director of Quality Control for the NYS Senate. His interests include fishing, baseball and swimming.

**Kymir Pearson** was born in Albany. He is twenty-two years old. He lives in Albany with his girlfriend Octavia and twin daughters Kamill and Asanti. He graduated from Albany High School and then went to Branford Hall. He is a childhood friend of Bob Joel's son. He has worked at various jobs in the retail business. He is currently doing



**Nicholas Jacobia** was born in Hudson. He will be sixty-three next month. He lives in Latham with his wife Christine and daughter Cary Ann. He currently is a Purchasing Agent for the Office of General Services.



# 2014 Pool Tournament

## 2014 Wadsworth Lodge 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nine Ball Tournament Results

The third annual Wadsworth Nine Ball Tournament was held on January 22 and it continues to build on its earlier success. There were 15 participants and from the showing of our new brothers, Wadsworth's future is going to be in good hands.

Defending champ "Big Money" Bob Joel had a good showing making the final four along with Ray "Cool Cat" Gaul, "Ninja" Nicholas Blais, and "Kid" Kymir Pearson. Cool Cat Ray fought hard through the loser's bracket after losing a first round match to Kid Kymir only to be eliminated by Ninja Nick in the quarterfinals. Nick avenged his third round loss to Big Money Bob in the semis to meet the Kid in the Finals. The battle of newly raised brother had Kymir finish the tournament undefeated and taking the

prestigious Wadsworth Nine Ball Trophy. Congratulations Kymir!

As with all tournaments, there were players of note adding to the color of the evening. Jerry "Bracket Buster" McCall had Kymir on the ropes shooting for the win on a final ball. "Diesel" Doug Kantrowitz gets the hard luck "How did this Happen?" award and finally this year's "I'm Outa Here Award" goes to Victor "Slick" Stewart.

Thanks to Steve "Photo Ops" King for taking pictures of the evening's action, our Master Ed "Go Daddy" Kosinski for being the beverage runner and all who participated. 'Til next year....

Sincerely and Fraternally

The Nine Ball Committee



# 2014 Pool Tournament Cont'd



Victor "Slick" Stewart, Ray "Cool Cat" Gaul and Nick "Ninja" Blais



The Boss and those who wait



Jerry "Bracket Buster" McCall



Victor "Slick" Stewart

# Parting Shots:

Birthdays of Brothers from November to January			
Marvin Wesley Antenucci	December 1, 1954	Donald R. Morrell Jr.	November 20, 1960
Fred W. Briggs	December 7, 1940	Roger Alan Murphy	January 21, 1966
Kyle Dain Buckingham	December 25, 1982	William Murray	November 14, 1952
Jeremy Clauser	November 12, 1974	Donald G. Nagel Jr.	November 25, 1975
Ben Froggett	November 12, 1938	Ronald H. Noll	January 17, 1934
William R. Godell	December 13, 1959	Paul J. Pfeiffer	November 8, 1983
B. Robert Joel III	January 23, 1956	William Seth Roberts	January 23, 1977
David William Jurkowski	November 24, 1974	Anthony Rodolakis PhD.	November 23, 1964
Paul S. Kahian	December 24, 1952	Osiris Rodriguez	November 12, 1985
Edward S. Kosinski	January 19, 1945	Joseph Gary Rymski Sr.	January 8, 1949
Alfred Krueger Jr.	December 11, 1933	Steven B. Silverman	January 17, 1950
Bernard Maskell Jr.	December 4, 1950	Bruce Susser	December 29, 1956
John L. Miller	January 27, 1959	Leo Synakowski	December 19, 1954
Drew Millier	December 27, 1981	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.