

# The Sideliner

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## Under the Master's Hat

### *Worshipful Master*

Every time I participate in the Masonic Ritual I think of all of the illustrious brothers who have gone before in essentially the same rite of passage.

When I was doing my own apprentice degree, my pants fell from my waste and I stood there momentarily in my colorful boxer shorts.

I didn't know if any previous brother had gone through this experience but I thought to myself, "If Ben Franklin did this, I guess I'll make it through."

For the second degree, I took precautions to make sure the disaster was not repeated.

And thankfully, my future Masonic brothers did not so much as giggle.

Various emotions go through the human mind as Masonic candidate are guided about the lodge.

Those emotions can range from fear, to trepidation, to curiosity to trust.

We have all been there. In fact, I recently whispered to a candidate, "If John Wayne could do this, then so can you." He gave me a strange look but later smile when I showed him John Wayne really was a Mason.



Recently, we raised four new brothers in our lodge.

We all felt the joy that knowing the lodge will continue when we make that journey from which there is no return.

But the Master of the Lodge has a unique emotion come to him, when he extends his hand to raise the newest Freemason.

That special feeling comes from a lot of things.

First, at that singular moment, the Master is welcoming

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the Newest Freemason in the whole wide world.

Secondly, you realize what an awesome responsibility you have taken on and been trusted with.

The future of your lodge and all of Freemasonry is right there in the tip of your fingers.

As you continue the process, there is the reflection that you have been trusted with a very

important function. There is a feeling of pride of carrying out 400 years of history and the scary wondering, “Did I do it right?”

As you sit at the table to sign the appropriate page in the Bible, look up and say, “All right.”

## Trestle Board for Communications

Wadsworth Lodge F&AM No. 417

September 10, 2014	Scheduled Meeting - <i>Welcome Back Brothers &amp; Brother Bring a Friend Night</i>
September 24, 2014*	Qs&As from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree, Read Petitions for Initiation & Advancement
October 8, 2014 *	Years of Service Awards Night – <i>Open to Family &amp; Friends</i>
October 22, 2014 *	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree – <i>Past Masters in charge</i>
November 12, 2014*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree
November 26, 2014	Lodge Dark for Holiday Observance
December 10, 2014	Holiday Gathering – <i>“Toys for Children”</i> Dinner
December 24, 2014	Lodge Dark for Holiday Observance
January 17, 2015 *	Saturday, Special Communication for Third Degree
January 28, 2015	Brother Bring A Friend Night & Brother Bring A Brother; Pool Tournament to Benefit Brotherhood Fund - \$5 to Brotherhood Fund & \$5 for Collation
February 11, 2015	Education Night - <i>“History of Freemasonry in the Capital District”</i>
February 25, 2015	Ladies Night & Masonic Talent Show
March 11, 2015 *	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Night
March 25, 2015*	Tiled DDGM Visit
April 22, 2015*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree
May 13, 2015	Practice for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree & Reports Night - <i>Master, Treas, Sec’y Trustees, &amp; Safe Deposit Box Audit</i>
May 16, 2015*	Saturday, Special Communication for Third Degree
May 27, 2015 *	Annual Communication: <i>Elections, Appointments &amp; Installation of Officers</i>
June 10, 2015	TBA

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

\* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

## Sickness and Distress:

We received this lovely tribute from Culvert Hayes “With both sadness and relief I wish to inform you of the quiet passing of my loving wife and companion, Caroline. She left me to join her Lord and Savior early this morning, November 4, 2014, and I will truly miss her. I am at peace knowing that she is at rest with God after her long struggle with Parkinson's disease. Caroline would want me to thank all of you, her family and friends, for the prayers, love and support given

during these years. A memorial service will be scheduled at a future date.”

Cullen Kasunic was unable to attend the Master Mason degree on January 17 because of the passing of his brother Reid Kasunic.

Jeannette Antenucci, widow of deceased Bro. Robert and mother of Bro. Marvin Antenucci, passed away in October.

## Glad Tidings:

V.:W.: James J. Van deWal has been appointed as a Chaplain for Kent County, Maryland, Sheriff's Department. So if you get pulled over while speeding on those flat eastern shore of Md back roads, Bro. Jim will be happy to pray for you.

V.:W.: Raymond H. Gaul is a grandfather for the 13<sup>th</sup> time. His youngest daughter gave birth a healthy baby boy.

Bro. Drew Millier announced that he and his wife are expecting a second daughter in June.

R.:W.: Jim Fuller is responding well to medication for lime disease after much distress

from the symptoms.

R.:W.: Ron Noll shared his 81st Birthday with us at the Master Mason degree on Saturday the 17th.

James and Megan Susser had a baby girl on January 5th. Her name is Evelyn Nicole. She weighed in at 8lbs. 4.5 ozs. This is Bruce Susser's second grandchild.

R.:W.: Bill Ogren underwent surgery for his bladder cancer, all is fine for now. The blood tests indicate that his lymphoma is under control. His platelet count continues to decline but at a steady rate, no transfusions are indicated at this time.

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:

## District Deputy Grand Master Visits

Noah	09/23/14	Ancient Temple	02/17/15
Berne	10/16/14	Wadsworth	03/25/15
Bethlehem	11/18/14	Guttenberg	04/16/15
Van Rensselaer	01/08/15	Masters	05/11/15
Mt. Vernon	02/02/15		

## Masters and Wardens Schedule

Van Rensselaer	09/17/14	Masters	02/18/15
Mount Vernon	10/15/14	Ancient Temple	03/18/15
Noah	11/19/14	Guttenberg	04/15/15
Wadsworth	01/21/15	Bethlehem	06/17/15

### District Web Page

The Masters and Wardens Association is attempting to put together a new web page site, after losing control of the old one. More to come on the subject.

### Camp Turk

Registration for the 2015 Camp Turk season opened up on January 13th (one week ago) and we already have 122 campers registered. This year campers will have the option to attend one, two or three weeks. Campers are now allowed to choose which week(s) they attend. The cost for camp is \$500.00 per week.

If you are interested in registering (or know a family member or friend that is interested) you will need to visit our website at [www.campturk.org](http://www.campturk.org) Remember, camp is open to ALL children 8 to 16 years of age.

Camp Turk offers a scholarship program for families in need of financial assistance. Please contact us at the below # or email to receive a 2015 Scholarship Application for Camp Turk. The deadline to apply is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions, contact Mollie Denslow at 315-392-2081 or email us at [CampTurk@aol.com](mailto:CampTurk@aol.com) Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 am to 4 pm.

### Family Bowling Event

Instead of the team bowling tournament this year R.: W.: Jerry Dievendorf has arranged for the use of six lanes at the DeLLanes bowling. The cost of the event including bowling, food and Beverages is \$360. This divided over nine lodges is \$40 per lodge assuming eight bowlers per lodge \$5 per bowler. Lodges in neighboring Districts are welcome to join in on this Brother Bring a Friend type event.

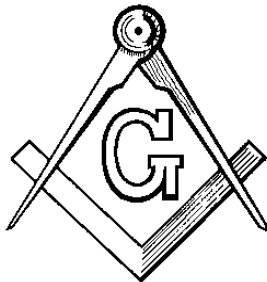
### Mount Vernon 250th Anniversary

Chartered on February 21, 1765, Union Lodge #1 (now known as Mt. Vernon #3) is celebrating 250 years of Freemasonry in Albany, NY with a re-dedication ceremony presided over by M.: W.: William J. Thomas, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. The ceremony will be followed by the sealing of a 100 year time capsule- so bring your letters to future masons and memorabilia.

During Cocktail Hour tip your Mt. Vernon Bartender to benefit the Masonic Home in Utica, NY. Dinner will be Prime Rib catered by Casey's and will include occasional speakers and toasts.

Singles are \$50 and Couples are \$80. Dinner Tickets must be purchased in advance and include an engraved glass and commemorative challenge coin! While formal invitations are in the mail you may purchase your tickets right away by mailing a check to:

250th Anniversary Committee  
Mt. Vernon #3  
Albany Masonic Temple  
67 Corning Pl  
Albany, NY 12207



# Around the District Cont'd:

5PM - Re-dedication ceremony  
6PM - Cocktail Hour  
7PM - Dinner

### Deputy Grand Master Town Meeting

The Town Meeting will be on February 22nd at 2:00 PM in the Ten Eyck Room.

### Grand Lodge Trip

Please find the Registration form for the 2015 Grand Lodge Trip. You will notice a slight increase in the price of the train ticket, and a significant increase in the price of the hotel.

This year, there is a large convention at the Jacob Javits Center during the Grand Lodge Communication, which is putting pressure on the hotel inventory in lower Manhattan. I have been bouncing

one hotel off of the other and have come to the best price that I can find at a hotel I feel we can trust to take good care of us. I will continue to work on the price, and if I drive it down in any meaningful way a refund will be issued.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I have made arrangements for a minimum of 10 of everything in order to secure discounts, if we fall below that number as of March 1, we will need to reconsider the arrangements. As such it is imperative that you reply as soon as you are able.

As in past years the travel will be by Amtrak, the District Dinner will be at the Aleo Restaurant. This year there is an optional side trip to the Comedy Corner after dinner.

The Grand Lodge session on Monday, a usual the Grand Master's Dinner is on your own. Morning session and return on Tuesday.



**PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2015. IF YOU MISS YOUR TRAIN YOU MUST PURCHASE ANOTHER TICKET AT FULL PRICE!! NO CANCELATIONS!**

**THIS FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2015:**

Mail this page with payment to:

Craig Berndt 32 Vischer Ferry Rd Rexford NY 12148

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **THE MASTERS AND WARDENS ASSOCIATION OF THE ALBANY DISTRICT** Name:

District & Lodge #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

Round Trip Amtrak Ticket: \_\_\_\_ Adult (\$76) \_\_\_\_ Senior 62+ with ID (\$72)

Hotel Single Occupancy \_\_\_\_ (\$640)

Hotel Double Occupancy: \_\_\_\_ (\$320) Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

District Dinner: \_\_\_\_ (\$50)

Check if you plan to attend the side trip to the Comedy Cellar: \_\_\_\_ (Pay your own way- see itinerary)

Check if you plan to attend the Grand Master's Dinner: \_\_\_\_ (Pay your own way for tracking purposes only)

Total Payment Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Reminder of 2015 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 May 2013, 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 12054-1003.

## Tales of the Ring

This edition’s tale is from the Worshipful Master:

I try never to leave the house without my Masonic ring,

Wearing the ring, lapel pin or hat pin has led me to some interesting encounters during the years I have been a Mason.

The latest meeting happened at the movie theater.

As I approached the ticket taker, a man standing next to told her, “This guy is all right he’s a friend of mine.

I observed that the gentleman was wearing a jacket that was emblazoned with the word SECURITY.

I go to this movie theater often enough to know that the place is well protected.

However, I did not recognize the man’s face. As I passed through the ticket line and started toward my movie, the man stepped up and said, “Hello Brother, What Lodge are you from?”

Of course we exchanged the usual pleasantries and a certain token and I learned he belonged to Guttenberg Lodge and that led to a short conversation about mutual friends.

As so a routine trip to the movies was



## Poet's Corner:

Since we just raised our Fall class of new Masons this seemed appropriate. We have not published

this since 2009 so it is also for the benefit of all our new Masons since then.

### Master Mason's Poem

Last Night I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt  
Author Unknown

Last Night I knelt where Hiram knelt  
And took an obligation  
Today I'm closer to my God  
And I'm a Master Mason  
Tho' heretofore my fellow men  
Seemed each one like the other,  
Today I search each one apart;  
I'm looking for my Brother  
And, as I feel his friendly grip,  
It fills my heart with pride;  
I know that while I'm on the square,  
That he is on my side  
His footsteps on my errand go  
If I should such require;  
His prayers will plead in my behalf  
If I should so desire.  
My words are safe within his breast  
As though within my own;  
His hand forever at my back  
To help me safely Home.  
Good counsel whispers in my ear  
An warns of any danger;  
By square and compass Brother now!  
Who once would call me stranger,  
I might have lived a moral life  
And risen to distinctions  
Without my Brother's helping hand  
And fellowship of Masons  
But God, who knows how hard it is  
To resist life's temptations  
Knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt  
And took that obligation.

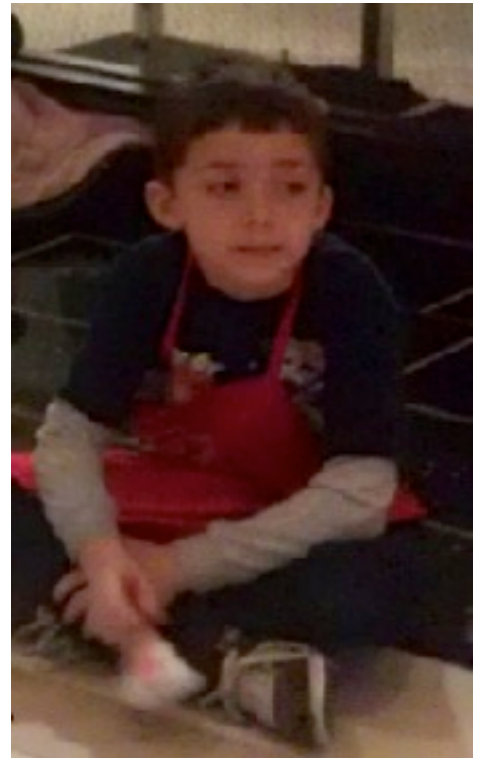


# Bell Ringers:

<b>Saturday, December 6</b> <a href="#">Crossgates INSIDE</a> <b>J C Penny –</b> <b>Top of the</b> <b>Escalator</b>	12 to 1	John Scott & Family
	1 to 2	Doug Whitney & Family
	2 to 3	JoAnn & Ed Kosinski(H)
	3 to 4	Bruce Susser & Jon DePaula
	4 to 5	Bruce Susser & Jon DePaula
	5 to 6	Steve Silverman & Nick Jacobia
	6 to 7	Don Pitts & Nick Jacobia
<b>Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup></b> <a href="#">Crossgates INSIDE</a> <b>Track n Trail</b> <b>lower level</b>	12 to 1	John Scott & Family
	1 to 2	Anthony & Laura Rodolakis
	2 to 3	Doug Whitney & Family
	3 to 4	Kymir Pearson & Bruce Susser
	4 to 5	Nick Blais & James Susser
	5 to 6	Jerry McCall & Ray Gaul
	6 to 7	Brandon Salo & John Lien
<b>Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup></b> <a href="#">Crossgates INSIDE</a> <b>Track n Trail</b> <b>lower level</b>	12 to 1	John Scott & Family
	1 to 2	Andy Groff & Don White
	2 to 3	Doug Whitney & Family
	3 to 4	Brian Dupree & Ken Brown
	4 to 5	Anthony & Laura Rodolakis
	5 to 6	Brett Ingersoll & Tyvie LaFrance
	6 to 7	Anthony Sanchez & Tyvie LaFrance

Thanks to all of the volunteers who made this a success again this year.

The district had some 40 volunteers donating 79 hours of bell ringing.



Lucas DePaula was more comfortable doing his bell ringing sitting down.



Bro Jon DePaula provides guidance to daughter Miley during bell ringing at Crossgates Mall.





## Meet the New Brothers



Brett Ingersoll grew up in Newburgh, NY and moved to Pine Bush, NY during high school. He attended college at SUNY at Albany in the physics program. A few years after graduation, he married his wife, and the couple welcomed a baby girl in November 2012. Brett currently lives in Freehold, NY and works as a manufacturing unit lead for GlaxoSmithKline. He enjoys Legos, sitcoms, fried foods, and playing the guitar.



Brian Dupree was born in Brooklyn NY. He currently lives in Colonie NY with his wife and three son's. Brian is 37 and works at The New York State Senate Printing Office. He is an active Board member of The National Little League of Albany and coaches at Team Albany 360 A.A.U. His interests include involvement with youth empowerment and spending time with his family.

# Meet the New Brothers



Brandon Salo is a university graduate from Marquette Michigan. He was born in November of 1985 and grew up living in several different places in the Midwest. He learned the trades as a young man working under his father who was a carpenter, landscaper and welder. Brandon has worked in the trades for half of his life. He Graduated with a sociology degree, worked as a writer for two years and has over 1000 published articles. His jack-of-all-trades background allows him to dabble in many areas, but his largest passion is Jazz piano.

Brandon has performed as a Jazz pianist in six different countries, he has recorded two albums with musicians from Berkley School of Music and Northern Michigan University, and has yet to release his first solo album coming soon in the winter of 2015.

He also has a passion for traveling that drives him towards focusing his attention to philanthropy. He finds that philanthropy paves the way for practicing all of his passions, music, travel, and writing.

Tyvie Dean LaFrance Jr. was born in New York City on April 19, 1981. He attended the High School for Environmental Studies. He also studied at Bard College.

He is active in business promotion and marketing.

He is also engaged to be married in the Spring.



# Parting Shots:

Brothers with Birthdays from November to January			
Marvin Wesley Antenucci	December 1, 1954	William Murray	November 14, 1952
Fred W. Briggs	December 7, 1940	Donald G. Nagel Jr.	November 25, 1975
Kyle Dain Buckingham	December 25, 1982	Ronald H. Noll	January 17, 1934
Jeremy Clauser	November 12, 1974	Frederick P. Pettingell	January 1, 1925
Luther H. Dyer Jr.	November 23, 1922	Paul J. Pfeiffer	November 8, 1983
Ben Froggett	November 12, 1938	Daniel F. Predpall	January 12, 1920
William R. Godell	December 13, 1959	Walter E. Rawlings	November 25, 1925
Thomas J. Goodfellow III	January 1, 1950	Anthony Rodolakis PhD.	November 23, 1964
Arnold C. Hamm Jr.	December 30, 1939	Osiris Rodriguez	November 12, 1985
B. Robert Joel III	January 23, 1956	Joseph Gary Rymski Sr.	January 8, 1949
Edward S. Kosinski	January 19, 1945	Steven B. Silverman	January 17, 1950
Alfred Krueger Jr.	December 11, 1933	Bruce Susser	December 29, 1956
John S. Luther	December 15, 1941	Leo Synakowski	December 19, 1954
Bernard Maskell Jr.	December 4, 1950	Kenneth M. White	January 26, 1955
John L. Miller	January 27, 1959	Nicholas J. Blais	January 5, 1990
Drew Millier	December 27, 1981	Louis J. Emory	November 25, 1984
Donald R. Morrell	November 20, 1960		